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REVIEW BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJAH ON THE ADMINISTRATION REPORT OF THE BIKANER STATE FOR THE YEAR 1904-1905.

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Administration Report

I have perused, with much pleasure, the Report submitted by the Secretaries, which is both interesting and satisfactory

Administration

2 Marked improvement and increased efficiency continue to be visible in almost every branch of the State Administration

3 The New System of Administration continues to work extremely well in every way, and to give entire satisfaction

4 It is a matter of the liveliest satisfaction to me to see that the hopes I expressed in my Note on last year's Report as to something really beneficial being done for the people, were realised so soon. The remissions of the land revenue and the interest thereon have been of the utmost help to the Rivot, whilst the grants for the construction of wells and tanks for irrigation as well as drinking purposes, and the other concessions given, will tend considerably to ameliorate their condition. I have no doubt that, with Divine assistance and the liberal policy adopted by the Durbar, the people will soon regain their former prosperity

Administrative Staff

5 I am indebted to Maharaj Bhairun Singh, Thakur Jeoraj Singh of Reni, Thakur Raghuvan Singh, Thakur Hari Singh of Mahajan and Mr. Cooper for the good work they have done and for their zealous and unsparing assistance and loyal co-operation

Tours

6 Although, for the reasons explained in the Report, I was unfortunately prevented from making another extensive tour last cold weather, as originally intended, I was able to inspect portions of the Suder, Sujangarh and Suratgarh Nizamats, and was glad to notice that steady improvement continues in the condition of the State and the people

7 The work in the Districts continues to be satisfactory and Munshi Lallji Mal (Nazim of Suratgarh), Munshi Mohammad Husain (Nazim of Bikaner), and Munshi Sita Ram (Nazim of Sujangarh) did good work. Although I personally was unable to inspect the work done by Munshi Mukand Lal (Nazim of Reni), that also has been favourably reported on

8 Before the ensuing Touring Season commences, I hope the revised rules ensuring the periodical touring of, and regular inspections by, the different Officers of the State will be in force, which will secure still greater efficiency in District work.

Revenue Department

9 The redistribution of Tehsil Circles and the addition of the Kolait Sub-Tehsil was a much-needed reform, and one which will tend greatly not only to increased administrative efficiency, but also to public convenience, upon which Thakur Raghuvan Singh, Revenue and Financial Secretary, is to be congratulated, as also on the marked success achieved in the growing of cotton

Army

10 The Military Department is working satisfactorily under Kanwar Prithi Raj Singh, Secretary for the Military Department

11. The good services rendered by the Ganga Risala in Somaliland, the recognition thereof by the Government, and the high praise they elicited from General Sir Charles Egerton, have been matters of no small gratification to the Durbar and myself

Police

12 Crime shows a satisfactory decrease and the increase in the percentage of recoveries and convictions indicates better working of the Department

13 The reorganisation of the Department and the raising of the scale of pay carried out during the year will, it is anticipated, be followed by still better results

14 Babu Kunta Piasad, Under Secretary for the Police Department, did excellent work

Judicial

15 The percentage of decisions during the year under report shows improvement as compared with the preceding year. The work done by the various Courts was, on the whole, satisfactory

16 I appreciate the good work done by Babu Nihal Singh, since his appointment three years ago as Judge of the Appeal Court

Irrigation

17 It is very satisfactory to record the construction of the first Irrigation Bund in the State at Madh in the Magra District

18 The State, owing to the peculiar nature of the country, possesses very little scope for irrigation projects, but if the Sutlej river canal project could, with the kind assistance of the Government of India, be carried out, it would be of incalculable benefit both to the State and the people

19 The Durbar profited greatly by the good advice and excellent work of Mr Standley, the State Executive Engineer

Minerals

20 The Durbar hope that the transfer of the Palana Colliery to Messrs Bird & Co will result in mutual advantage if the Company is able to successfully and at an early date manufacture briquettes from Palana coal. Experiments have been reported to be successful

21 It is, however, to be regretted that since the transfer of the Colliery, no other prospecting has been carried on by the Company in other parts of the

State, such as Daibba, &c., in connection with the prospecting license recently granted to them. The Durbar naturally consider this very important and trust that this work will also be taken up by the Company as soon as the hot weather is over.

Railways

22 There is a still further increase in the earnings of the Railway, which is ably managed by Mr R. Todd, the Acting Manager, and Mr C. B. La Touche, the District Manager.

23 Another Railway Project to open up the Eastern portion of the State, which comprises several large and rich towns, is under contemplation, and it is the earnest desire of the State that this scheme may be taken in hand at a very early date.

Finance

24 The financial condition of the State continues to show marked improvement. There was an increase of Rs 1,27,806/- in the Ordinary Receipts during the year under review as compared with last year's Revenue.

25 It is also very gratifying to record that the State is free of the debt temporarily contracted on account of Famine. The Durbar repaid the sum of Rs 10,00,000 to the Government of India, who very kindly consented to receive the amount during the year under review instead of in yearly instalments as agreed upon when the loan was advanced.

Medical Department

26 The work done in all the Hospitals and specially in the Bhagwan Das Hospital, Bikaner, was very satisfactory, and reflects the greatest credit on Captain P. P. Kilkelly, M. S., Civil Surgeon, who was enabled to make an extensive tour of inspection last cold weather.

Education

27 The various State Schools continue doing good work and marked improvement continues in this Department.

28 I have the pleasure to acknowledge the good work done, in their respective appointments, by Babu Shiv Govind Singh, Head Master, Walter Nobles' School, and Mr K. Rustomji, Head Master, Durbar High School.

Sirdars

29 The regrettable and quite uncalled-for seditious movement and intrigues set on foot on a large scale by certain disloyal Pattedars put the Durbar in the unpleasant position of having to award adequate punishment, after careful enquiry, to the principal ring-leaders.

30 It was, beyond doubt, due to the timely action taken by the Durbar in checking the spread of this conflagration, and to their tactful and judicious handling of this delicate matter, that not only was a very serious and awkward situation averted, but that the matter was quietly dealt with and disposed of without any resort to force or arms.

General

31 I am again indebted to the Hon'ble Sir Arthur Martindale, Agent to the Governor-General for Rajputana, for his friendly advice

32 My sincere thanks are due to Major W C R Stratton for the valuable advice and sympathetic assistance which I received from him during the period he was with us as Political Agent—a period of much trouble and anxiety caused by the turbulent Patedais

Bikaner House, Mount Abu
16th June, 1905

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Gangā Singh

Bikaner Durbar, Rajputana.

FROM

THE SECRETARIES, MAHKMA KHAS,

BIKANER

TO

MAJOR HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJAH

OF BIKANER, K G S I, K C I E, A D C

Dated Lallgarh, the 7th June, 1905.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

We beg to submit herewith the Administration Report of the Bikaner State for the year 1904-05

2 We much regret the delay in the submission of this Report, which was due chiefly to the time taken in compiling the statistical portion of the Report, as most of the returns are new or in revised forms, and partly to the press of extraordinary important work, which was very heavy, specially at the end of the year

We beg to remain,

Your Highness,

Your most obedient Servants

Bhairun Singh,

Secretary

For the Political & Foreign Department.

Raghuvar Singh,

Secretary

For the Revenue & Financial Department

Hari Singh,

Secretary

For the Public Works Department & Railways

R. D. Cooper,

Secretary

For the Medical & Jails Department

Prithi Raj Singh,

Secretary

For the Military Department

Kamta Prasad,

Under-Secretary

For the Police & Educational Department

Annual Administration Report of the Bikaner State

for the year ending 31st March 1905



CHAPTER I

* * *

GENERAL & POLITICAL.

Area, 23, 311 square miles

Population of the whole State, 5,84,627

Population of the Bikaner city and suburbs, 53,075

Gross Revenue, based on average of past five years, Rs 25,67,316

Tribute, nil

Ruler of the State, Major His Highness Maharajah Dhnaj Raj Rajeshwar Shriomani Sri Sri Ganga Singhji Bahadur, K C S I, K C I E, A D C to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales

Age, 24½ years

Caste, Rathore, Rajput

Name of Heir, Maharaj Kumar Sri Sadul Singhji Sahib

PRINCIPAL EVENTS

2 His Highness the Maharajah presented a life size oilpainting of himself to the Council, which was unveiled, with due ceremony, at the Council Hall in April 1904

3 On 24th June, the title of a Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India (K C S I) was conferred upon His Highness the Maharajah on the occasion of the Birthday of His Most Gracious Majesty the King-Emperor

4 His Highness went to Ajmer in August for two days to be present at the Prize Distribution ceremony of the Mayo College, thus evincing his interest in the Chiefs' Colleges

5 His Highness went to Bombay to meet His Excellency Lord Curzon on his return from England in December

6 On 1st November, Her Highness Maji Sri Pugalaniji Sahiba, the Senior Maharani of His Highness the late Maharajah Sahib, went on a long pilgrimage and returned to Bikaner on 6th January

7 It is to be regretted that a disloyal movement was set on foot by some Pattedars on a large scale and in spite of timely warning and advice on the part of His Highness the Maharajah and the Durbar, necessitating prompt measures on the part of the Durbar, when some of the ringleaders were tried by a Commission and suitable punishments dealt out to them. Fuller details about this are given in chapter VIII, paras 301 to 330

8 On 6th February, the *Jhadula* (tonsure) ceremony of Sri Maharaj Kumar Sahib was performed at the temple at Kodamdesar, 14 miles from Bikaner

9 On 24th February, the *Pratishtha* (consecration) ceremony of the Cenotaphs of His Highness the late Maharajah Sahib and Maharaj Sri Lall Singhji Sahib was performed at Devikund

10 His Highness was elected a Member of the Working Committee of the Mayo College and attended its first sitting on the 8th and 9th March

11 From Ajmer, His Highness paid a short visit to Abu, where, at a Public Durbar held at the Residency on 10th March, the Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-General delivered to His Highness the Grant and Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India. Sir Arthur Martindale on that occasion made the following speech —

"YOUR HIGHNESS,

"This Durbar has been convened in pursuance of instructions received from His Excellency the Viceroy, Grand Master of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, to enable me to deliver to you, with fitting formality, the Grant and Insignia of that Order, which have been conferred upon you by His Gracious Majesty the King-Emperor

"Fortune has favoured Your Highness with exceptional opportunities, during the comparatively short period which has elapsed since you assumed the reins of Government in Bikaner, of giving practical proof both of your well-known loyalty to the Crown, and also of your administrative capacity

"The Campaigns in China and Somaliland afforded you opportunities abroad which you gladly welcomed. The Famine of 1900, which ravaged Rajputana, enabled you to demonstrate both your ability and your anxiety to provide relief to the utmost of your power for your suffering people. The Government, on their side, have not been slow to mark their appreciation of the readiness and capacity which you displayed on these and other occasions, as well as of the example you have set by your irreproachable private life

"You were invested with ruling powers at an exceptionally early age in 1898. In the short six years, which have since elapsed, you have been awarded the Kaisar-i-Hind decoration of the 1st class for the excellence of your famine arrangements, you were created a Knight of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire for your services in the China Campaign of 1900, you were one of the two Chiefs selected to represent this great Province of Rajasthan in England at the Coronation of His Majesty the King-Emperor, you have received a Commission as a Major in a distinguished Regiment in His Majesty's Army, you have been appointed Aide-de-Camp to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and it is now my privilege to deliver to you the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India in token of the recognition by the Government of the services rendered by your troops, whom you wished to lead in person, in the deserts of Somaliland, and of their approval of your administration of your State

"So long and so remarkable a series of honours and distinctions achieved in so short a time is probably unprecedented. I offer You Highness the cordial congratulations not only of myself, but of your many friends, both those who are here at this Durbar, and those who have not the good fortune to be present. I derive unmixed gratification from the fact that the close personal friendship which has existed between Your Highness and myself since the day when I had the honour to represent His Excellency the Viceroy at your Investiture with ruling powers should have prompted your wish to receive this decoration from my hands before my approaching departure from India. And I feel assured that this fresh proof of the approbation and confidence of His Majesty's Government in India will only serve to stimulate Your Highness to per-

severe on the path which you have hitherto followed, and thus to earn still further, and, if possible, even more distinguished marks of their satisfaction in the years to come ”

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

12 His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore paid a visit to Bikaner, arriving on the morning of 7th April and leaving the following evening

13 Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Hunter, Commanding the Western Command, visited Bikaner from 7th to 9th January

14 The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-General for Rajputana paid an official visit to Bikaner from 11th to 15th January, and, at a State Banquet given on the 14th January, made the following speech —

“ Your Highness, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

“ Bikaner has many pleasant things to offer to His Highness's guests, but I personally know few more agreeable than when you have eaten an excellent dinner in charming company to listen to a speech so interesting and so full of kind and friendly expressions as that in which Your Highness has been good enough to propose this toast We thank Your Highness heartily for proposing our health, and our fellow guests, for their kind reception of the toast

“ The words of compliment I could indeed wish that His Highness had left unsaid, although I thank him cordially for his kind congratulations, for I am painfully conscious how little they are deserved Whatever recognition the Government may have given to my efforts in Rajputana is due, moreover, not to deserts of mine, but to the loyal ungrudging support I have received throughout from Chiefs like His Highness and from my brother-Officers, to whom, as they know well, I am more than grateful

“ But the words of good will and friendship which His Highness has uttered, I accept with unalloyed pleasure and satisfaction It is many years since I first made the acquaintance of His Highness and each succeeding year has, I believe, only served to strengthen and draw closer the ties between us

“ The coping stone to our alliance, if I may use the expression, was fixed when I had the honour to represent His Excellency at His Highness's Investiture with ruling powers more than six years ago From what I knew of His Highness himself, and of the Officers with whom in his earlier years he had been associated, I had formed high expectations as regards his future Those who know His Highness will not be surprised to learn that they have been more than realised in the years which have passed, during which I have watched His Highness's career, since he started to govern this great State, with the keenest interest and satisfaction

“ A good many people seem to think that a Maharajah has an extremely easy time of it—that he has little to do but to play Polo and shoot grouse at Gujner and to entertain parties of charming guests from England, just as an Agent to the Governor-General has nothing to do but sample champagne and listen to complimentary speeches The Service to which I have the honour to belong has brought me into contact with many Chiefs of India, and I can assure you that a Chief like His Highness the Maharajah who tries to do his duty by a great State like this of Bikaner with its area of 23,000 square miles, with its complex interests, conditions and problems, its isolated position, its scanty and precarious rainfall, its restless populace, has by no means an easy

time Not the least of the Maharajah's difficulties is that of conciliating his ultra-conservative people and Nobles and at the same time of satisfying, so far as may be, the expectations of a twentieth century standard, and the claims of an exgent Agent to the Governor-General He has Seylla on his one side and Charybdis on the other

"No, Bikaner is not altogether a bed of roses But it was not to find a bed of roses that Rajputs came down to Rajasthan from the plains of Kanouj, from the valleys of the Jamna and the Ganges, many centuries ago It was into no land flowing with milk and honey that the great clan of the Rathores fought their way when they carved out a kingdom for themselves in the wide western desert It was no life of ease and luxury that gained for your brave ancestor, Raja Karan Singh, the fierce battle cry of "Jai! Jai! Jangaldhai Badshah!", the proud motto of the great house of Bika to this very day

"You have been disappointed so far, Maharajah, in your ardent desire to follow more closely in his footsteps, but you may possess your soul in patience Your turn assuredly will come—it very nearly came only the other day, when harmless fishing boats were sunk by frightened ships of war—and when that time comes, we know how gladly your sword and the swords of the gallant troops, we saw on your Parade ground two days ago, will be drawn for the King for whom they have already done yeoman service in Somaliland and elsewhere

"For the moment His Highness's attention is turned to the bloodless but hardly less absorbing victories of peace—to administrative progress and reforms Some of the measures which have marked the course of the last 12 months he has mentioned in his speech, and you will agree with me that it is a good year's record Loyally backed and aided by his able Staff of European and native Officers, whose services he has warmly acknowledged in his speech he has been able to show advance and progress in almost every branch of the administration Other notable projects, the canal which will fertilise the North of the State, the railway extension to open up the Eastern Districts, the development of the mineral resources of the country, already started by the Palana coal borings, are still in the vista of the future We may and we do wish His Highness all possible success in his plans for the people and the country he loves so well

"Whatever advice it is in the power of Major Stratton and myself (and I am glad to know how highly His Highness has already learned to value Major Stratton's sympathetic help) or of our successors to offer, he knows, at his service And if the Fates so will that we should not return to Rapputana, His Highness will believe that our hearts are with him in his great work here, and that no news will be more welcome to us than that which tells of his own well-being and the welfare of his country

"It only remains, Ladies and Gentlemen, to offer His Highness our grateful thanks for the hospitality he has shown us during our stay at his Capital, and for his unceasing efforts for our comfort and enjoyment I ask you all to join me in drinking a bumper to the long life, health, and prosperity of our kind friend and host, Major His Highness the Maharajah Sir Ganga Singh of Bikaner"

15 His Highness the Maharajah of Alwar visited Bikaner from the 4th to the 12th February

16. His Highness the Maharajah of Kishangarh paid a visit to Bikaner from 27th February to 6th March

17. The Raja of Chhota Udaipur (in the Mahikantha Agency) privately visited Bikaner from 24th to 27th March in the course of his tour in India

TOURS.

18. In spite of the exhaustive tours made last year, His Highness intended making another long tour during the year under report also, but unfortunately a large part of the touring had to be postponed at the last moment on account of the sudden breaking out of the Sirdais' seditious movement, which, by reason of its political importance and the far-reaching consequences it involved, necessitated His Highness's presence at the Capital

19. His Highness, however, was able to absent himself for a few days at a time from the Capital, and the following short tours were made —

First Tour, 17th to 23rd December

In the Suratgarh Nizamat, 288 miles by rail

20. The Suratgarh Nizamat and Tehsil, and the Hanumangarh Tehsil and other public institutions at both the places were inspected. While at Hanumangarh, His Highness also inspected the local saltpetre works, which have been considerably increased during the year, as well as some of the villages round there, and some *chals* recently populated by Sikhs, were also visited

21. On the 25th January, His Highness in company with the Political Agent proceeded to Palana by rail, returning the same evening. This was the first visit paid to the Colliery since it was handed over to Messrs Bird & Co, and the working of the Colliery and the briquet making experiments were inspected

Third Tour, Magra Tract, Suder Nizamat

22. From the 28th to 31st January, His Highness was out in the Magra District where he took over Colonel Sir Swinton Jacob to shew him the Irrigation Projects which were under construction or contemplation. The details of this tour are mentioned in Sir Swinton Jacob's Note on Irrigation, pages 4, 21, 25 and 28, and so need not be reiterated here. In all, about 80 miles were covered during this tour

23. His Highness also intended accompanying Sir Swinton when he visited the Talwara site, and the Ghaggai Canals, but was prevented from doing so owing to press of work

Fourth Tour, 14th to 24th February

In the Suder, Sujangarh and Suratgarh Nizamats, 132 miles, by road, and 320 miles, by rail

24. The time being short, His Highness made forced marches to Sirdarshahar. Leaving Bikaner on the morning of the 14th by train, His Highness arrived at Lunkaransar at mid-day and immediately left the Station and inspected the Tehsil and other institutions there. From there, he rode to the

next camp, Kanwalasar, 22 miles off, arriving there before dinner, and rode the remaining 28 miles into Sûdarshahai the next morning. The afternoon of the 15th, and the 16th, were devoted to the usual inspections and just before leaving Sûdarshahai on the afternoon of the 16th, His Highness collected the big Seths and Sahukars of Sûdarshahai and, after sitting and discussing the matter with them for about three hours, had the satisfaction, before leaving Sûdarshahai, of settling a long-pending social dispute between the Oswal community of the place. So pleased were they with His Highness's decision that both parties then and there signed an agreement binding themselves to abide by His Highness's decision, and thus came to an end a dispute of 9 or 10 years' standing between two factions of a numerous, rich, and influential body of local bankers, which had created much bad blood between them and brought all social functions to a standstill, and the settlement of which was received with the utmost relief not only by both parties but by the inhabitants of Sûdarshahai generally who were all to a certain extent affected by it.

25 Although settling this dispute delayed His Highness considerably, he was able to return to Kanwalasar late in the evening of the 16th, and returned to Lunkaransar early next morning.

26 From there, His Highness took train to Chautala Road and early on the morning of the 18th marched to Rasuwala. From Rasuwala His Highness proceeded to Hanumangarh, and after visiting Suratgarh en route returned to Bikaner on the morning of 21st February. Hanumangarh and Suratgarh were this time again inspected and the usual work was done during the rest of the tour.

27 His Highness also went over the site for the proposed irrigation channel from the Talwaria swamps, while at Hanumangarh.

28 On the 3rd March, His Highness took the Political Agent to Madh to shew him the Madh Bund under construction there.

29 In view of the Sûdus' disloyal movement and the fact that the Bidar Tract in the Sujangarh Nizamat is, and has been, principally the home of all disloyal moves and intrigues against the State, His Highness had decided to make a tour in that part of the country during the first half of March, but this also had to be postponed at the last moment on account of His Highness's presence being required for the Mayo College Committee. It is expected that this Tract will be visited by His Highness as soon as the hot weather is over.

30 Anupgarh had, to His Highness's regret, again to be left out of the tour on account both of its distance and the difficulty of collecting supplies and provisions owing to the deficiency of rainfall in that part. Should all be well, it is safe to prophesy that Anupgarh will certainly be visited during the next cold weather.

31 To facilitate touring, seven Stage Bungalows have already been constructed, while a scheme, on a systematic basis, has been sanctioned for the regular and periodical construction of Bungalows along different routes throughout the State.

32 It is needless to go into details as to the objects and results of these tours. They are self-evident and doubtless much good accrues from the personal inspection by the Ruler of a county of the condition of his State and

people and the work of his Officials in the Districts

TRANSFERS.

33 There was no change among the high State Officials except that Munshi Abd-us-Samad Khan, Superintendent General of Police, resigned his post in February 1905 owing to old age and was succeeded by Moulvi Sayyad Mohammad Ali

POLITICAL AGENCY.

34 Changes and transfers under this head are shown in Appendix No I



CHAPTER II.



STATE ADMINISTRATION.

35 There was no change in the *personnel* of the State Council or the Mahkma Khas Secretariat during the year under report

36 The New Scheme of Administration, referred to and described at length in the last year's Report, continues to work extremely well and to give entire satisfaction

37 The work of all the departments, most of which have now been thoroughly reorganised, has been carried on satisfactorily, and the results thereof are shown under their proper heads

38 It was a source of great satisfaction and encouragement to His Highness the Maharajah and the Durbar to receive the congratulations of the Government of India on the growing prosperity of the State, which they were pleased to convey after perusing the Administration Reports for the years 1902-03 and 1903-04

39 As a result of the Council Meetings, mentioned in chapter IV, paras 20 to 22, of last year's Report, the following work has been done during the year under report —

MATTERS FINALLY DISPOSED OF

- 1 Reorganisation of the Police Department
- 2 Redistribution of the Tehsil Circles
- 3 Issuing a confidential Manual of the procedure to be observed on State ceremonials, festivals, &c
- 4 Measures tending to help the return of Bikaner cultivators, who had emigrated to places outside the State owing to bad years
- 5 Some measures for improving the condition of the Ryot
- 6 Improving and increasing the Rabi cultivation in those portions of the State which are well suited for it
- 7 Measures for encouraging cotton cultivation in the State

40 Besides some of the measures remaining in hand, as detailed in last year's Report, the following new measures, worthy of note, have been taken up and are under consideration It is anticipated that they will be carried out in the course of the coming year —

- 1 Irrigation projects including those of bringing canals from the Sutlej or the Bahawalpur side, &c
- 2 A New Railway Project for opening up the Eastern portion of the State
- 3 A scheme and rules for the regular and periodical inspections, by competent and responsible Officers, of
 - (1) Nizamats, Tehsils, and Sub-Tehsils
 - (2) Police Stations
 - (3) District Schools
 - (4) Customs Thanas
 - (5) Pattas under Court of Wards
- 4 A scheme for compressing and storing hay and fodder
- 5 Improving camel and horse breeding
- 6 Revision and amendment of the Travelling Allowance Rules in force
- 7 Revision and amendment of the Leave Rules in force
8. Revision and amendment of the Pension Rules in force
- 9 Preparation of a Manual for guidance regarding arrangements, &c, to be made on the occasions of the visits of Distinguished Visitors
- 10 Compilation of Palace and Fort Rules and Regulations
- 11 Reorganisation of the Farrashkhana and Stores
- 12 Introduction of some regular system for the periodical checking and auditing of the Jail accounts

41 The above do not include 9 important matters which, though discussed and included in the programme at last year's Full Meeting, were finally decided to be dealt with departmentally

LAND REVENUE.

42 The following statement shows the working of the Revenue Department concerning Land Revenue collections during the year under report —

DEMAND				COLLECTIONS							
Arrears of previous years	Demand for the year	Total		Arrears	Demand	Remissions	Total		Arrears at the end of the year		
Rs	Rs	Rs		Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs		Rs	Rs	
6,38,254	12	3	8,69,888	12	3	15,08,143	8	6	1,10,502	8	6
									6,47,491	9	6
									2,30,867	13	6
									9,88,861	15	6
									5,19,281	9	0

43 The demand for the year under report, including arrears of previous years, was Rs 15,08,143-8-6, of which Rs 7 57,994-2-0 were collected and Rs 2,30,867-13-6 adjusted on account of remissions of about five lakhs made during the year

44 Although the year was not so good as the preceding one yet the collections, which have been made without exercising any coercive measures, were satisfactory inasmuch as the percentage of collections to demand comes to 50 26 compared with 60 05 in the preceding year

45 It had for long been the desire of His Highness the Maharajah to do something which would be of great benefit and a real boon to his people and which would help them to improve their condition Considering the difficulties that are met with on account of the peculiar nature of the country, the best way to gain the object in view was to remit a large portion in the arrears of Land Revenue and interest thereon on account of previous years in the Khalsa villages

46 His Highness, therefore, taking advantage of the birth of Sri Maharaj Kumar Sahib, remitted in August last all arrears of Revenue upto Samvat 1957 and interest thereon upto Samvat 1960, which amounted to Rs 4,75,280-4-3 inclusive of the remissions made on the occasion of His Majesty the King-Emperor's Coronation amounting to Rs 1,76,615, already mentioned in the Administration Report for the year 1902-03

47 These remissions proved a great help to the people in improving their condition, and a great inducement to those among them who had gone out owing to successive bad years to return to their homes

48 Taccavi advances were made to the cultivators as usual

49 There are no boundary dispute cases in this State except one in which 5 bighas and 5 biswas of cultivated land of village Phephana in this State has been surveyed and included, by the Settlement Officials of the Hissar District, in the map of the Malleka village in Sirsa Tehsil about which correspondence is going on between the State and the Hissar District authorities It is not yet settled

50 With a view to increasing administrative efficiency and giving greater convenience to the people, a redistribution of Tehsils and Sub-Tehsils was carried out during the year under report The number of Tehsils and Sub-Tehsils has now been increased by one, i e , from 17 to 18, a new Sub Tehsil having been established at Kolait in the Magra District—one of the best tracts in the Bikaner State in point of fertility of soil

51 The Revenue Department continues to work very satisfactorily

52 Other heads of Revenue, such as, Abkari, Excise, Lime, Stone, Saltpetre, sale of State lands and houses, rent of State houses and shops, Escheats, &c , &c , which are also under the charge of the Revenue Department, are dealt with separately in their proper places

SETTLEMENT.

53 As stated in last year's Report, the term of the last Settlement made by Mr Fagan was extended to a period of three years, of which one year has already expired It is now under contemplation to commence operations in the next cold season so that the revenue assessment may be completed and carried into effect at the expiration of the two years now remaining

54 The new Settlement of the Tibi Parganah, taken up in January 1902 and referred to in last year's Report, has so far progressed that the survey and measurements have been finished. The assessment work would also have been completed during the year under report as anticipated, had it not had to be postponed for some unforeseen and unavoidable reasons. It will be carried out in the course of the next year.

CHAPTER III

PROTECTION.

LEGISLATION

55 No new Law was enacted and passed during the year under report. A new Civil Procedure Code is being enacted and will be ready to be passed as State Civil Law during the next year, whilst all the Acts and Codes, &c., passed from time to time are being revised and amended.

56 The Savings Banks Act No V of 1873 and the Indian Extradition Act No XV of 1903 have been recognised by, and introduced into, the State with effect from 1st May and 1st June 1904 respectively.

57 The Laws in force in the State are shown in Appendix II.

ARMY.

58 The strength and cost of the State Army for the year under report are shown in Appendix No III.

59 The strength of the Forces is —

Cavalry (including Body Guard)	380
Infantry . . .	500
Artillery	38
Ganga Risala (Camel Corps)	,500

60 The condition of the State "Irregulars," which consist of the Sowars and Sepoys employed in the Revenue and other Departments for civil duties, was badly in want of reorganisation in order to make them more efficient for their duties.

61 Consequently, with a view to securing efficiency and improvement in discipline, a scheme for amalgamating the "Irregulars" with the Military Forces of the State has been formulated and sanctioned during the year, which, it is hoped, will prove very useful, and which accounts for the increase in the strength of the State Troops mentioned above.

62 The Ganga Risala, sent to Somaliland in 1903, has been reported to have behaved excellently well and done splendid work and its health has been exceptionally good under the most trying circumstances in those regions.

63 The following letter from General Sir C Egerton, K C B, &c, to the Government of India, Military Department, is worthy of note —

“On relinquishing the command of the Somaliland Field Force, I have the honour to place on record my very high appreciation of the loyal and distinguished services performed by the Bikaner Camel Corps

“They have served continuously in Somaliland for 18 months and, since I assumed command in July 1903, they have taken a prominent part in all the operations of the Field Force, very considerably enhancing the high reputation they had already acquired

“I cannot speak too highly of the endurance, discipline, and sense of duty of this fine body of soldiers They have proved themselves invaluable as scouts and messengers during operations, and as a quick support to mounted troops

“I have brought to notice in my despatches the names of individuals who have particularly distinguished themselves, and I trust that His Highness the Maharajah of Bikaner may be informed of the great value I have attached to the services performed by this Corps and the readiness with which he maintained its strength and efficiency by drafts of men and camels when they were needed”

64 One of the Officers, Subedar Kishen Singh, has been awarded the 3rd class Order of Merit by the Government of India in recognition of his conspicuous gallantry at Dharatoleh in the same action where Lieutenant-Colonel (then Captain) W G Walker, S S O with the Regiment, won his V C

65 During the whole period the Regiment was in Somaliland, the casualties amounted to 7 only, of whom 5 were killed in action, while the remaining 2 died of disease

66 On 14th July, the Ganga Risala (Camel Corps), which had been on active service in Somaliland for a year and a half, returned to Bikaner

67 Soon after their return from Somaliland, a Parade was held in the Fort, when His Highness distributed the China Medals to those men of the Corps who had been away in Somaliland during the first presentation

POLICE.

68 From Appendices Nos V & VI, it will be seen that there is a considerable decrease in the number of offences committed and the amount of property plundered or stolen, while, on the other hand, there is an appreciable increase in the percentage of convictions and of recoveries as compared with the previous year, and the working of the Police Department is, therefore, satisfactory

69 The increase in the number of dacoities is due to the fact that three of them were committed by the same gang within a space of about six hours, and similarly two others were also committed by another gang at a very short distance from each other

70 Every effort is being made to disperse or otherwise account for these notorious gangs, and a new Police Outpost has been established in the centre of the scene of these occurrences Thirteen of the accused concerned in these dacoities have been apprehended and are undergoing trial, and the Police are making vigorous efforts to secure the rest

71 With a view, however, to bringing the Department to a still higher standard of efficiency, the whole Force has been thoroughly reorganised and improved at a total extra cost of Rs 12,787, arrangements in connection with which will take effect from 1st April 1905

72 The total number and cost of the Body, as compared with the past year, are shown in Appendix IV, and the ratio of the Force to population and area is one Policeman to 641 7 units of population and to 26 6 square miles of area

73 The Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Head Constables, and Sowars (mounted Police) are armed with swords and guns, while the Constables are armed with swords and batons

74 The system of identification of criminals by finger tip impressions has done good work during the year under the supervision of the Central Jail authorities

75 The Department was under the charge of Munshi Abd-us-Samad Khan till 31st January, when he resigned owing to old age and was succeeded by Moulvi Sayyad Mohammad Ali

CRIMINAL TRIBES.

76 The Criminal Tribes are Baoris and Minas and they are settled in 269 and 58 villages respectively in different parts of the State

77 The working of the Police Department as regards the control and supervision of these Tribes has been satisfactory during the year under report, and the members of the Criminal Tribes behaved well

78 Taccavī advances were made to those in need of them, and new land, aggregating 5,428½ bighas, was given to such members of the Tribes, as had no lands in their possession, for cultivation purposes at reduced rates

79 With a view to securing more efficiency in the system for the control of the Tribes, it has been proposed, with the approval of the Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-General in Rajputana, that the District Officials should be made responsible for the thorough supervision of the Tribes within their Circles, whilst the routine work will remain in the hands of the Police as heretofore. New rules to this effect are being framed and will be brought into force next year

80 Munshi Abd-us-Samad Khan, the Motamid in charge of the Criminal Tribes, having retired, was succeeded by Moulvi Mohammad Ali, the new Superintendent General of Police, as Motamid from 1st February 1905

CRIMINAL & CIVIL JUSTICE.

81 During the year, a new Sub-Tehsil has been established at Kolait in the Magra Tract on the same status as other Sub-Tehsils in the State

82 The constitution of the Judicial Courts which are 28 in number is as follows —

No of Courts	Name of Court.	P O W E R S	
		Criminal	Civil
1	2	3	4
1	Mahkma Khas, i.e., His Highness the Maharajah's Court.	Powers of Life and Death	Appeals on the revision side against the decisions of the Council
1	Council	The highest Judicial Court next to Mahkma Khas	The highest Judicial Court next to Mahkma Khas
1	Appeal Court ..	Court of Session	Original suits upto any limit and appeals against the decisions of the 1st class Magistrates
4	Nizamats	Sub-divisional Magistrates	Original suits upto Rs 10,000 and appeals against the decisions of the subordinate Courts
11	Tehsildars' Courts	2nd class Magistrate's powers	Original suits upto Rs. 500
1	Bikaner City Munsiff's Court	Nil	Original suits upto Rs 500
1	Honorary Magistrate's Court, Bikaner	2nd class Magistrate's powers	Small Cause Court
7	Sub Tehsils	3rd class Magistrate's powers	Original suits upto Rs 300
1	Honorary Magistrate's Court, Nohai	Nil	Small Cause Court

Criminal Justice.

83 There were 1,323 cases (original and appeal) during the year for disposal, of which 1,254 were decided and 69 remained pending, against 1,571, 1,481, and 90 respectively in the previous year

84 The percentage of decisions in the year comes to 94.78 against 94.27 in the last year.

85 From Appendix No VIII it is evident that the working of all the Courts during the year was satisfactory inasmuch as out of 1,915 persons dealt with, 1,792 were disposed of, which gives a percentage of 93.57

86 The decrease in the number of offences reported during the year bears testimony to the efficiency of the administration

87 Appendix No IX gives the work done by the Appellate Courts Out of 186 applications of appeal, 3 were rejected, 174 disposed of, and 9 remained pending The percentage of sentences confirmed comes to 64.36

88 The working on the whole was satisfactory

CIVIL JUSTICE

89 Appendix No X gives the number, nature, and value of original suits filed and disposed of during the year

90 The number of suits for disposal was 2,494, out of which 2,253 were decided, and 241 remained pending, against 2,364, 2,019 and 345 respectively

91 The percentage of decisions during the year comes to 90 33 against 85 40 in the last year, which is satisfactory

92 The average duration of suits is shown as 2 months and 1 day

93 The value of suits disposed of was Rs 5,04,462-12-0

94 Appendix No XI shews the working of the Courts with regard to applications for execution of decrees Out of 2,292 applications presented during the year, 1,904 were disposed of and 388 remained pending

95 The percentage of disposals comes to 83 07 against 77 84 which shows that the work done during the year was, on the whole, satisfactory

96 Appendix No XII shows the number and the results of appeals in civil cases Out of 644 appeals on file, 572 were disposed of and 72 left pending, against 614, 560 and 54 in the previous year

97 The percentage of disposals is 88 81 against 91 20 of the last year

98 The decrease in the decisions and rise in the average duration of appeals was due chiefly to the unavoidable and repeated adjournments of several cases owing to delay in the service of summonses on the parties, who were not present at their residences and had gone to Calcutta and other places on business

REVENUE CASES

99 The following table gives the number of Revenue cases filed and disposed of during the year —

Courts	Pending on 31st March 1904	Institu- ted during the year	Total	Disposed of	Pending on 31st March 1905
1	2	3	4	5	6
State Council	4	6	10	9	1
Appeal Court	1	9	10	10	
Revenue Office	150	1,278	1,428	1,176	252
Nizamats (original & appeal)	2	20	22	13	9
Tehsils	19	105	124	108	16
Total	176	1,418	1,594	1,316	278

100 There were 1,594 cases for disposal, of which 1,316 were decided and 278 left pending, as against 1,168, 992 and 176 respectively in the previous year.

101 The percentage of decisions is 82 56 against 84 93 in the last year

EXTRADITION.

102 There has been no hitch during the year in the extradition of criminals from the British Districts or Native States to the Bikaner State and vice versa

JAILS.

103 Appendix No XIII gives particulars regarding the number, average daily strength, and health, &c, of prisoners during the year under report in all the three Jails, as compared with those for the preceding year

104 The number of prisoners in the Central Jail, Bikaner, during the year was 737, including those remaining at the end of the previous year, against 722 in the preceding year, and the numbers in the Sujangarh and Reni Jails were 224 and 160, against 250 and 231 in the last year

105 The decrease in the number was due to a diminution in the number of offences committed

106 The health of the prisoners was remarkably good throughout the year as there were only 2 deaths during the year against 10 of the last year

107 The discipline of the Jails was satisfactory

108 The prisoners are well fed and looked after

109 All the three buildings are commodious, well-ventilated, and in excellent condition, and their sanitary arrangements perfect in every detail

Jail Manufactories

110 The Central Jail Manufactory continues to turn out excellent work and orders come almost every year even from England and some other countries in Europe

111 The New Carpet Factory, opened in 1903 to meet the large demand for carpets as already mentioned in last year's Report, is doing well

112 The profits of the Jail Manufactory for the year under report were Rs 9,424-1-0 as against Rs 18,614-11-9 in the previous year. This falling was due to

(1) A fall in the number of prisoners as is evident from Appendix No XIII,
and partly to

(2) The separation of the Printing Press and the Book-binding Departments from the Jail,

and also, as reported, to

(3) A sudden rise in the rates of raw materials, such as, woollen and cotton threads, &c

113 It is also worth mentioning here that the prisoners were not able to do the required amount of work in the cold weather on account of the intense cold this year

The Lunatic Asylum

114 The following statement shows the admissions and discharge of

the lunatics in the Asylum during the year under report —

Remained	DISCHARGED												Remaining	
	Admitted during the year		Total		Cured		Died		Trans- ferred		Total			
Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males
9	1	4	1	13	2	3	1	1	*	5	9	1	4	1

* These were transferred to the Lunatic Asylum, Lahore, on 13th January 1905

115 The result, on the whole, was satisfactory. The violent lunatics numbering 5 were transferred to the Lahore Lunatic Asylum for better treatment there.

REGISTRATION.

116 This head consists of three sub-heads,

- 1 Documents about sale of land
- 2 Adoption deeds and henship certificates
- 3 Documents about mortgages

117 The total Registration Receipts during the year amounted to Rs 68,262-7-9 against Rs 53,183-4-6 in the preceding year, showing an increase of Rs 15,079-3-3

118 The documents regarding the first two sub-heads are not presented for registration like those of the mortgages, but are signed and sealed in the Mahkma Khas under the authority of His Highness's sanction, and, therefore, they do not come under the category of registered documents, nor can they be shown in Appendix No XIV

119 The documents presented for registration during the year were 589 against 482 in the last year, of which 579 were registered against 479

120 Appendix No XV gives receipts and expenditure on account of the registration of documents falling under sub-head 3. The net profits were Rs 1,794-12-0 against Rs 1,276-6-0 in the preceding year.

STAMPS.

121 This head of revenue has been, as usual, under the control of the Revenue and the Accounts Departments throughout the year

122 The receipts from the sale of stamps during the year continue to show a steady increase and amounted to Rs 42,340-13-9 (Bikaner city Rs 22,759-15-9, and Districts Rs 19,580-14-0) against Rs 39,768-10-3 of the preceding year

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION.

123 From Appendix No XVI it will appear that there are at present 11 Municipalities in the whole State, of which the most important is at the

Capital, and they are administered by Committees, the Members of which are all local people of position and influence

124 The Bikaner Committee was presided over by Thakur Bahadur Singh, Member of Council, for 8 months, and for the remaining period by Kaviraj Bhairun Dan, Customs Officer Two new Members were added to it, viz, Seth Ram Ratan Bagri, a rich banker of Bikaner, and Nagji Bias, a member of the Brahman community Captain P P Kilkelly, the Civil Surgeon, was Health Officer and Joint Chairman throughout the year except for the period he was on leave when Captain W E Scott Moncrieff acted for him

125 The working of the Municipalities during the year under report has been very satisfactory In the Districts, the Tehsildars preside over the Committees as ex-officio Presidents, and Hospital Assistants are ex-officio Members

126 The total income of the conservancy tax was Rs 18,916-13-9 against Rs 21,944-1-0 in the preceding year, whereas the expenditure incurred during the year amounted to Rs 35,710-6-0 as against Rs 34,642-10-9 in the last year

127 The sanitary arrangements under the control and supervision of the Local Boards were very satisfactory in all the towns and it reflects credit on the interest taken by the Committees in their work

128 While on tour, His Highness inspected the work of two Municipalities of Sudarshana and Suratgarh, which was found satisfactory

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CHAPTER IV

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PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

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WEATHER, CROPS, AND RAINFALL.

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129 The average rainfall for the whole State, during the year, was 6 inches 97 cents, against 11 inches 56 cents in the previous year, as shown in Appendix No XVII

130 The rainfall of the year, though more than the average, in some localities, was deficient on the whole

131 Consequently the produce of the Kharif Crops was not so good as in the previous year

132 To encourage the growing of cotton in the State, special measures were adopted during the year, and the result was so satisfactory that 1,221 *bighas* of land were brought under cotton cultivation against one *bigha* in the previous year

133 The prospects of the Rabi crops were very hopeful owing to timely winter rains and an abundant harvest was anticipated, but owing to the damage caused by the severe frost, the crops are estimated to yield an output of not more than ten annas in the rupee

IRRIGATION.

134 As referred to in last year's Report, a good deal has been done towards developing irrigation, as is evident from the new works constructed or under consideration during the year

135 At the invitation of the Bikaner Durbar, Colonel Sir Swinton Jacob visited Bikaner and made a short tour in the State lasting from 28th January to 6th February 1905, during which time he was able to examine carefully most of the sites selected by His Highness for irrigation projects

The Ghaggar Canals

136 As decided last year, the management of the Bikaner section of the Ghaggar Canals was taken over by the Bikaner Durbar from the Punjab Government, Irrigation Department, on 1st April 1904, and was put in charge of the State Executive Engineer

137 The following table shows the gross assessments, remissions, and the area irrigated during the Kharif for Samvat 1961 and the Rabi for Samvat 1962 —

Name of Pargana	KHARIF, SAMVAT 1961								RABI, SAMVAT 1962									
	Acres irrigated	Gross assessment		Remissions		Gross revenue		Acres irrigated	Gross assessment		Remis- sions		Gross revenue					
		Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P		Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	
Hanumangarh	8,117 18	19,170	12		403	15		18,766	13		668 87	1,947	5		59	9		
Tibi	2,578 75	5,000	9		53	5		4,947	4		14 37	35	7				35	7
Total	10,695 93	24,171	5		457	4		28,714	1		683 24	1,982	12		59	9		
																	1,923	3

138 The working expenses under the heads, extension and improvement, maintenance and repairs, establishment, tools and plant, and miscellaneous items, amounted to Rs 16,393-11-7

139 It is apparent from the above that the results for the year under report were satisfactory in comparison with previous years, which is due to better supervision and development of irrigation under the direct management of the State

140 The average discharge of both the canals during the rainy season was a little under 300 cusecs

141 The Southern Canal was extended about a couple of miles and the cultivators were allowed to take water at easy rates and several outlets were given to the cultivators at their own expense. A further expansion of the Canals is under contemplation. Large shijra maps, 16 miles to an inch, of both the Canals have been prepared showing the irrigated tracts, water courses, waste land, and culturable land. These are essential to help the Canal Officials in the distribution of water

Produce

142 In the Kharif crop, bajri, jawar, gawar, til, moth, mung and maize, and in the Rabi season, barley, sarson, taramira (rape seed), and gram were sown in the area irrigated by the Canals.

Water rates

143 The following table gives the water rates levied during the year —

Tehsils	Rabi, Samvat 1961			Kharif, Samvat 1961			Total		
	Rs	As	P	Rs	As	P	Rs	As	P
Hanumangarh	10,090	14	0	19,170	12	0	29,261	10	0
Tibi	939	4	0	5,000	9	0	5,939	13	0
Total	11,030	2	0	24,171	5	0	35,201	7	0

144 Of the above assessments, Rs 13,564 7-6 were recovered, Rs 3,188-9-9 were remitted, and Rs 18,448-5-9 remain in arrears. Rs 2,748-4-6 were collected out of previous years' arrears during the year, in addition to Rs 13,564-7-6, and thus the total collections on account of water rates alone during the year were Rs 16,312-12-0.

The Western Jamna Canal

145 During the year, 335 *bighas* of land in 3 villages of the Bhadra Tehsil were irrigated by the surplus water from the Canal for Rabi cultivation. The income therefrom was Rs 68-3-9 against Rs 30-5-6 in the last year.

The Sirhind Canal

146 The canal authorities have not allowed the surplus water to enter into the State villages for the last 3 or 4 years.

The Katli Nadi

147 The flood water penetrated about 8½ miles inside the border and 1,796 *bighas* of land in the Khalsa villages was watered therefrom for Kharif and Rabi cultivation, of which produce was good.

148 The Executive Engineer is of opinion that unless the Dam thrown across the stream by the Jaipur Durbar is removed, no irrigation work in the stream can be started, nor would it be advisable to do so.

149 This question has been taken up and necessary action is being taken.

New Irrigation Projects taken up during the year.

(1) Madh Bund

150 The construction of this Bund was sanctioned last year and the work was started about the end of May. Its completion is expected before the commencement of the next rains.

151 The report of Mr Standley, the State Executive Engineer, on the Bund, which is the first of its kind made in the Bikaner State, runs as follows —

"The site of this Bund is close to the village of Madh. The estimate amounting to Rs 16,191 was sanctioned last year and work was started about the end of May. The Bund proper with the Escape is really finished."

"The work was inspected by Colonel Sir Swinton Jacob in company with His Highness and the Executive Engineer of the State last February, and he recommended a flatter inner slope. The inner slope has consequently been made flatter and pitched lightly to a height of 2 feet above full supply level."

"The sluice head is being built and the irrigation channels also put in hand and the whole work will be finished and ready before the rainy season."

"The Bund is 4,300 feet long and 8 feet wide at the top. The catchment area is 8 square miles, principally hard rocky soil, so that 20 per cent of the annual average rainfall of 10 inches has been allowed as run off. The greatest depth will be 13 feet and the area of water spread at full supply level will be 132 acres."

"The capacity of the tank is 47 millions of cubic feet and allowing for evaporation and absorption, it is calculated that there will be 24,000,000 cubic feet available for irrigation at the beginning of the Rabi season. Approximately speaking, there will be enough water stored for 550 acres."

(2) Pilap Bund

152 This Bund will be larger in dimensions than the Bund at Madh. The construction was sanctioned, but only survey work was carried out during the year. The Executive Engineer's remarks are as follows —

"The site of the Bund is close to the villages of Pilap and Motawtan. The work for this has only lately been started. Last February, Sir Swinton Jacob, in company with His Highness and the Executive Engineer, inspected the site and approved of the Scheme. He, however, recommended that there should be no proper *Pucca* Escape, but that the surplus water should be allowed to spill over the ground instead. This recommendation is being adopted. The length of the Bund will be 6,750 feet and the width at the top 8 feet. The inner slope will be 5 to 1 on account of the sandy nature of the soil and the outer slope 2 to 1."

"The catchment area is about 17 square miles, but principally undulating sandy soil, so that only 10 per cent of the annual average rainfall of 10 inches has been allowed as run off. The greatest depth will be 8 feet and the area of water spread at full supply 243 acres."

"The total capacity of the tank when full will be 40,000,000 cubic feet and allowing for evaporation and percolation it is calculated that 16,000,000 cubic feet of water will be available for irrigation. There will thus be enough water for about 370 acres."

Irrigation Wells

153 48 new Irrigation Wells were either sunk or are under construction during the year, under the supervision of the Revenue Department.

154 Of these, 7 *Pucca* wells have been sanctioned to be constructed or repaired at the expense of the State, and for the construction of 3, a grant to private persons as loan without interest has been sanctioned. The remaining 38 *Kutcha* wells have been sunk by private persons.

155 This improvement is due to special concessions granted to the people by His Highness for increasing Rabi cultivation in the State by sinking and constructing wells for irrigation purposes.

156 Among other big Irrigation Projects, the following are under contemplation —

- 1 The Sutlej Canal Project,
- 2 The Talwara Swamp,
- 3 The Chhapar Bund,

and, the construction of some small Bunds in the Magia District

The Palana Irrigation Scheme

157 This scheme was tried at Palana as an experimental measure, but owing to the transfer of the Colliery to Messrs Bird & Co and the difficulties experienced, the project was dropped for the present at any rate and the plant was disposed of to Messrs Bird & Co for Rs 22,000 on the 1st of November 1904

GRASS AND FODDER

158 The produce of grass and fodder was not so abundant this year owing to the deficient and late rainfall as to allow of any storage, but was sufficient to meet all ordinary local requirements during the year

159 However, there was enough grass and fodder stocked in previous years to be available for future use

PRICES OF FOOD GRAINS.

160 The prices of food grains were easy during the first 9 months of the year, whilst there was a rise in the last quarter, due chiefly to the damage caused by the unprecedented and intense cold and frost to the standing Rabi crops in the month of January, not only in the Bikaner State, but throughout almost the whole of India

161 Appendix No XVIII gives the prices during the month of March as compared with those of the same period in the last year

FORESTS

162 Properly speaking there are no forests of any importance in the Bikaner State, but the question of forestry has been taken up during the year and is under the consideration of His Highness

163 The preliminary enquiries have been started and the question will be dealt with after the reports from the District Officials are received

TRADE & MANUFACTURES.

164 The local and foreign trade of the State continues to improve since the opening of the Railway, and there is a growing tendency for further development in this direction

165 The year under report, in point of trade, was better than the previous year

166 The principal commodities and manufactures of export are already stated in last year's Report

167 Steps are being taken to still further develop the wool industry, which has a good future before it, by improving the breed of the local sheep and getting Presses and Mills established at suitable places

168 As regards improving the breed of the local sheep which are famous, but which during the past few years, owing to a combination of causes, were found deteriorating, it has been proposed to import some Queensland rams of the purest breed and for which arrangements are in progress

169 As to starting a Mill at Bikaner, negotiations are being pushed on with some of the local bankers and it is expected that they will meet with success

170 The new Carpet Factory mentioned under the head, "Jails" has turned out good carpets and is doing well on the whole, but the work was to a certain extent hampered for want of sufficient labour

171 The manufacture of saltpetre during the year has so much increased that the revenue derived therefrom was Rs 6,177-1-6 against Rs 3,239-13-3 in the previous year

172 With the object of improving the breed of local camels, horses, and bullocks, a scheme is being worked out which will, it is hoped, be brought into effect during the ensuing year

MINERALS.

Stone quarries at Khari-Dulmera & other places in the State

173 During the year, the export of the Red Sandstone to Bhawalpur and other places was almost the same as that of the last year, but with a view to extending the sphere of the demand, a Committee has been appointed to go into the matter and to submit their proposals for His Highness's consideration and orders

174 The sale proceeds during the year amounted to Rs 14,019-2-6 against Rs 10,966-3-0 in the previous year. The increase was due to a larger quantity of stone being brought this year into the Bikaner city for building purposes

Multani Mitti

175 The *multani mitti* mine is situated in the village of Madh, some 30 miles from the Railway line. Since a new mine was discovered near Balotra in the Marwar State, the demand greatly diminished. With a view to increasing the export, the rate has been reduced from 2½ annas per maund to 1 anna per maund. The reduction, no doubt, has resulted in an increased export, and it is hoped that the demand will increase as time goes on. The sale proceeds amounted to Rs 276-3-0 against Rs 541-4-0 in the last year, whilst the quantity exported was 8,863 maunds compared with 4,244 maunds of the previous year

Palana Colliery.

176 The Colliery was transferred to Messrs Bud & Co on a thirty years' lease from 1st November, 1904, pending the final completion and signature of the Draft Agreement which is subject to the approval and final decision of the Government of India

177 The working of the Colliery for the first seven months, during which time it was under the management of the State, is given in the follow-

ing table, and was highly satisfactory, reflecting great credit on Mr A W E Standley, the State Executive Engineer —

Particulars	Amount		
	Rs	As	P
Capital	2,236	4	
Total earnings during the 7 months	76,363	3	2
<i>Working expenses</i>			
Under ground	9,013	4	11
Surface	2,240	10	9
Establishment	4,434	15	
Total expenditure	15,688	14	8
Net earnings	60,674	4	6

178 The net earnings and the sale of coal during the 7 months exceeded those of the whole of the previous year

179 The net earnings from 1st November, 1904, to 31st March, 1905, during which period the Colliery was under the Company's management, amounted to Rs 9,782 6-6 including Rs 4,782-6-6, as Royalty due to the State, and Rs 5,000, as interest on Debentures @ 6 per cent, the quantity of coal sold during the same period amounting to 19,129 tons 13 cwts

180 Adding to these, the net earnings and the quantity of coal sold during the first seven months, i.e., Rs 60,674-4-6 and 25,321 tons respectively, the total for the whole year comes to Rs 70,456-11-0 and 44,450 tons 13 cwts respectively, as against Rs 56,565-0-0 and 22,813 tons for the preceding year

181 Had the Colliery been managed by the State throughout the year, the total earnings, it is estimated, would have been proportionately Rs 1,04,014

Accidents

182 There were three fatal accidents during the year, all of which happened after the Colliery was transferred to the Company

183 The Company have started briquette making experiments, but, owing to some hitch in the working of the plant, very little has so far been done. It is hoped that next year better results will be achieved

Other Mineral Resources

184 The Prospecting Agreement, referred to in the last year's Report, has been executed between the Durbar and Messrs Bird & Co of Calcutta, but since they have taken over charge of the Palana Colliery, all the boring and prospecting operations have been suspended and nothing has been done towards the development of the mineral resources of the State, which is dis-

appointing The Durbar are very anxious that the Company may now see their way to carry on the operations on a large scale in different localities of the State and not confine their attention to the working of the Palana Colliery only If nothing is done in this line by the Company when the rains begin, the Durbar will move in the matter

Lime

185 There are several mines of sweet lime (*mitha chuna*) in the State The biggest one is near the Jamsar Railway Station on the Jodhpur-Bikaner Railway

186 This lime is made by burning a peculiar kind of clay excavated from the ground, and is generally used for building purposes in all the towns of the State

187 This lime is very little known in places outside the State, and efforts are, therefore, being made to increase its export

CUSTOMS AND SALT.

Customs

188 The work of this Department, during the year under review, was satisfactorily carried on under the charge of Kaviraj Bhairun Dan The import and export duties are levied in accordance with the Tariff introduced in 1898 The Customs income during the year was Rs 6,18,527-3-9 against Rs 5,91,022-2-9 in the preceding year

189 The total expenditure amounted to Rs 49,387-8-6 against Rs 46,845-9-0 in the previous year, and the percentage of the expenditure to receipts, to 7 98 against 7 92

Salt

190 The Salt revenue during the year was Rs 61,843-15-6 against Rs 54,537-12-3 in the previous year, showing an increase of Rs 7,306-3-3, and the expenditure, Rs 6,554-13-3 against Rs 6,415-0-6

ABKARI AND EXCISE.

191 The Abkari and Excise contract is under the control of the Revenue Department

192 The revenue during the year was Rs 25,974-4-6 against Rs 24,712-0-9 in the preceding year

193 Appendix No XXI gives the number of shops in the State, and the amount of revenue collected during the year

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

194. The Department remained under the charge of Mr A W E Standley, the State Executive Engineer, throughout the year

195 Pandit Dhanpat Ram was appointed Assistant Engineer in the month of June, and the subordinate Staff was also increased and strengthened by the appointment of several new Sub-overseers for different works, as recommended by the Executive Engineer

196 The works constructed during the year under report are shown in

Appendix XIX with the total expenditure incurred thereon which also includes the establishment charges

197 The total expenditure on Public Works amounted to Rs 2,33,117, of which the details under various heads are given in Appendix No XIX, exceeding the Budget allotment and the previous year's expenditure by Rs 8,502 and Rs 94,678 respectively, the excess in the latter case being due to the construction of some important and much-needed works

198 The cost of works constructed from public subscriptions was Rs 30,089 which is not included in the above figure

Military Works

199. No Military Works of importance were constructed during this year

Civil Works

200 Among the works finished during the year, the following are the important ones —

- (1) The Connaught Arch (including a Clock Tower)
- (2) Houses for the Revenue and Financial Secretary and the Private Secretary
- (3) Extension to the Bikaner House at Mount Abu
- (4) Stage Bungalows at Ratangarh, Rajaldeśar, Bapeu, Dhaneru, Dariba, Diatra, and Dia
- (5) Extension to the Suratgarh Bungalow

201 The principal buildings to which repairs were done are the following —

- (1) The Old Fort at Hanumāngarh (a place of antiquarian and historical interest)
- (2) The Bikaner Fort and Palaces
- (3) The Agency Bungalow
- (4) The Civil Surgeon's Bungalow
- (5) The Executive Engineer's Bungalow
- (6) The Central Jail
- (7) The Bhagwan Das Hospital
- (8) The Walter Nobles' School
- (9) The Durbā High School
- (10) The Agency and Veterinary Hospitals
- (11) The District Hospitals and Schools

Communications

202 No new roads were found necessary to be made during the year, but all the existing ones were thoroughly repaired, and several new culverts made, at a cost of Rs 13,431

Miscellaneous Works

203 Under this head, the principal works undertaken during the year were the following —

- (1) One new Cenotaph and additions to several old ones at Devikund
- (2) An Engine House for the Electric plant at Gujneri.
- (3) The new Central Electric Station

204 Of these, the first two have been finished

Irrigation Works

205 For Irrigation Works, vide paras 150 to 154

Works constructed out of Public subscriptions

206 The new Operating Theatre for the Bhagwan Das and Lady Curzon Zenana Hospitals is in progress A sum of Rs 8,000 has already been expended on this work, out of which Rs 6,119-14-0 were drawn from the State Budget, and Rs 1,880-2-0 out of the Public Subscription Fund

207 A new floor was put in the Skating Rink, and the Tennis Courts were repaired, both of which are situated in the Curzon Gardens

Establishment

208 The Establishment charges of the year under report exceed those of the previous year by Rs 15,017 owing to the reorganisation of the Department, as recommended by the Executive Engineer The percentage of the Establishment charges on the total expenditure incurred during the year comes to 10 5

RAILWAY AND TELEGRAPHS.

209 The following table contains all the information in connection with the State Railway —

Particulars	Amounts		
	Rs	As	P
Total number of miles open = 245 35			
Capital expenditure during the year	12,389	11	6
Total Capital expenditure from the commencement of operations to the end of the year	50,82,441	15	3
Total earnings during the year	7,37,282	1	
Total working expenses during the year	3,39,615		
Net Earnings	2,97,667		1

Capital

210 The reduction in the Capital expenditure to date on that shown last year is due to the fact that the sum to debit of suspense account was wrongly included in the amount last year This has now been adjusted

211 The principal items of capital expenditure during the year are —

Carriage examining pit	Rs 1,845
Ballast on the Bhatinda Section	Rs 9,332
Sangat reservoir .	Rs 6,078

212 There was a credit to capital expenditure of Rs 5,796 on account of the sale of some spare Permanent Way materials

Revenue

213 The traffic during the year has been very satisfactory both in coal in the down direction to Bhatinda, and of grain in the up direction to Bikaner and stations in the Jodhpur State. This latter traffic has developed very considerably, consignments finding their way from the Punjab to Jodhpur, Balotra, and Barmer.

General results of working

214 The net earnings of Rs 3,97,667 work out to a return of 7.82 per cent of the capital cost, and the working expenses were 46.06 per cent of the gross earnings.

215 The Railway income during the year has been Rs 7,37,282-1-0 as against Rs 5,24,132-12-4 in the last year showing an increase of Rs 2,13,149-4-8.

216 The percentage of net earnings to the capital outlay amounts to 7.82 against 5.87 in the last year, which is remarkably good and reflects great credit on the management.

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

217 As mentioned in the last year's Report, this Department was amalgamated with the Public Works Department, and it has been under the supervision of the Executive Engineer throughout the year under report.

218 In July 1904, Mr G R Drummond was appointed Mechanical and Electrical Engineer and was placed under the orders of the Executive Engineer.

219 The total expenditure incurred during the year was Rs 64,685-11-5 against Rs 47,217-6-4 in the last year. The income during the year was Rs 6,651-13-9 against Rs 5,188-3-5 in the preceding year.

220 The details of the expenditure incurred on, and the income derived from, the various works are given below —

No	Works	Expenditure			Receipts		
		Rs	As	P	Rs	As	P
1	Pumping wells	33,921	6	9	3,345	15	3
2	Ice machine	1,816	5	1	1,732	15	9
3	Work-shops	2,646		11			
4	Electric light	11,730	14				
5	Palana well irrigation experiment	2,483	15	8			
6	Establishment	5,888	2	3			
7	Miscellaneous	6,148	14	9	1,572	14	9
Total		64,685	11	5	6,651	13	9

221 During the year, owing to the contemplated new scheme for electric lighting and pumping, little original work has been done

222 Mr Drummond has done excellent work since taking over charge, and the machinery of all the pumping wells in Bikaner has been properly arranged and put in satisfactory working order and the necessary improvements have been made by him

Workshops

223 The workshops are doing fairly well under the supervision of the Mechanical and Electrical Engineer

Electric light at Gujner

224 The machinery has been transferred to the *Pukka* Engine House newly built and the Engine has been arranged to drive two dynamos, so that, when needed, more power can be supplied

Palana Irrigation Work

225 Vide para 157 under head, "Irrigation"

226 Sita Ram, an ex-student of the Durbar High School, has been sent up this year to the Roorkee College to get training in the Mechanical Branch

POST OFFICES.

227 The Imperial Postal Unity Scheme, introduced into the Bikaner State last year, has worked without any hitch occurring between the Imperial Postal Department and the State

228 No change has been made during the year in the number and location of the Post Offices

229 The cost of establishment maintained by the State for escorting mails was Rs 8,744-9-9 during the year, of which Rs 2,814-6-3 was received from the Imperial Postal Department as a subsidy. The net expenditure, therefore, was Rs 5,930-3-6

MINT.

230 The British coin has been made a legal tender in the whole State from the year 1893 for a period of 30 years according to the Agreement of 1893. The new coin of His Highness the present Maharajah bears the inscriptions,

"One Rupee, Bikaner State Maharajah Ganga Singh Bahadur," in English, Urdu and Hindi, with Murchhal symbols, on one side, and, "Victoria Empress", with the effigy of the Queen, on the other

231 11,10,605 rupees of this new coin were coined for the State in the Bombay Mint in 1892 and 1897, and were accepted as legal tender for circulation throughout India

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE STATE AND THE PEOPLE.

232 The condition of the State has been very satisfactory in all respects

233 The rural population of the State is mostly agricultural and pastoral, and their condition is much affected by the character of the rainfall. Since a

scarcity is rather the rule than the exception in this State, the people are innured to seasonal hardships, and can better tide over an unfavourable year than perhaps the people of any other part of India.

234 The year 1899-1900, corresponding with Samvat 1956, was unprecedentedly a bad year for the State and its people. Although no efforts were spared to combat the Famine by affording every possible relief to the distressed people, yet the condition of the Ryot deteriorated considerably, as was only natural.

235 But, fortunately, a slow but steady improvement has been made during the last four years, which also continued during the year under report. This was especially due to various measures having been taken by the State to enable the people to gradually recover their former state of prosperity and there is every reason to believe that the object in view will be fully realized if we have a few good years.

236 The following concessions have been granted by His Highness to the Ryot during the year, which proved substantially beneficial towards bettering the condition of the people —

- 1 Remission of nearly five lakhs in the Land Revenue arrears, and interest thereon
- 2 Total remission of Customs duty on sheep and goats coming back within one year from places outside the State to which they were taken by the owners in years of scarcity, and after that for a further period at a reduced rate
- 3 Taccavi advances made for sinking *Kutcha*, and constructing *Pucca*, wells for irrigation purposes
- 4 Grants for repairs and construction of wells and tanks

237 The rainfall during the year under report was below the average, but in other respects the year was favourable to the people inasmuch as prices of food grains were easy, rates of wages earned by the labouring classes were upto the average, the condition of the agricultural stock was good, no epidemics prevailed, and industrial enterprise was thriving, especially the wool industry.

238 There has not been any great emigration of the population during the year, excepting the usual and partial exodus of cattle owners and such persons as grow Rabi crops in the fertile lands of the Punjab, who are sure to come back at the first sign of the rains.

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CHAPTER V

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REVENUE AND FINANCE.

239 The Financial Statement of the actual Receipts and Expenditure for the year under report, corresponding with Samvat 1961, is given in Appendix No XXII.

240 The Opening Balance was Rs 11,75,322-11-6 as against Rs 6,93,704-13-9 of the preceding year.

241 The total income from all the sources, as shown in the Appendix, was Rs. 32,82,893-7-0 including Rs 3,45,366-4-0 on account of remissions in

the Land Revenue arrears of past years, and the total expenditure was Rs 37,23,500-5-5 including the same item for remissions

242 It should be noted that the item of Rs 3,45,366-4-0, properly speaking, does not represent Revenue and is only shown in the Account Books on the credit and debit sides for the sake of adjustment of accounts

243 The total net receipts of the revenue would, therefore, amount to Rs 29,37,527-3-0 as against Rs 27,73,890-13-6 in the last year

244 Similarly, under the head of disbursements, the same item is not to be taken as actual expenditure. Deducting it from Rs 37,23,500-5-5, there remain Rs 33,78,134-1-5 as representing the real expenditure in the year under report, as against Rs 22,92,272-1-5-9 of the previous year

245 The total revenue amounting to Rs 29,37,527-3-0 consists of Rs 27,52,140-8-1 and Rs 1,85,386-10-11 as "Ordinary" and "Extraordinary" receipts respectively

246 The Ordinary Receipts, amounting to Rs 27,52,140-8-1, as compared with those of the preceding year, show an increase of Rs 1,27,806-9-10 over the actuals, or of Rs 2,77,140-8-1 over the Budget estimates for the year

247 The increase has been under all the heads but Land Revenue, Jails and Interest. The more conspicuous for the marked increase were,

- 1 Minerals,
- 2 Customs,
- 3 Salt,
- 4 Saltpetrie,
- 5 Law and Justice,
- 6 Registration,
- 7 Railway and Telegraph,
- 8 Sale of State lands and houses, and,
- 9 Miscellaneous

248 This is chiefly due to increased efficiency in the administration of the State in all its branches and to the better traffic on the Railway

249 The decrease in the Land Revenue was due to the year not being so good as the preceding one

250 The Extraordinary Receipts amounting to Rs 1,85,386-10-11 include His Highness's marriage Neota collections and moneys received from the Government of India on account of compensation for the China and Somaliland expeditions

251 As explained in para 244, the total expenditure was Rs 33,78,134-1-5 consisting of Rs 22,04,525-13-10 and Rs 11,73,608-3-7 as Ordinary and Extraordinary Expenditure respectively

252 The Ordinary Expenditure amounting to Rs 22,04,525-13-10 shows an excess of only Rs 45,895-13-10 over the estimates for the year, the increase being due to some urgent and unforeseen expenditure

253 The actual Extraordinary Expenditure amounting to Rs 11,73,608-3-7 includes the following heavy items —

- (1) Rs 10,00,000 paid during the year towards the repayment in full

of the Government Loan of twelve lakhs contracted by the State in 1901

(2) Rs 75,000 paid towards the Durbar's subscription to the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund

(3) Rs 30,188-10-0 on account of expenses incurred in connection with the Somaliland expedition

254 The other items comprise urgent and unforeseen expenses incurred during the year

255 The financial position of the State has been so remarkably satisfactory that the State was enabled to repay in full the Government Loan with interest due thereon, which was payable by instalments of two lakhs a year from 1903-1904 to 1908-1909

256 The subscription of one lakh towards the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund has also been fully paid up

257 Notwithstanding all these heavy payments made during the year, the State had a surplus, or Closing Balance, of Rs 7,34,715-13-1 in the Treasury

258 It will be seen from the above that, from a financial point of view, the year under report was exceptionally good.

CHAPTER VI

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

259 The Medical Department has been under the charge of Captain P P Kilkelly, I M S, the Civil Surgeon of Bikaner, during the year under report except from 15th of July to 18th of September, 1904, while he went on leave to England, when Captain W E Scott Moncrieff, I M S, acted as his *locum tenens*

260 There were 15 Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State during the year, of which the Mirzawala Dispensary has been closed from 1st October, 1904 A new Dispensary has been opened at the Palana Colliery by Messrs Bird & Co, and placed under the supervision of the Civil Surgeon

261 A new Operating Theatre for the Bhagwan Das Hospital, Bikaner, and the Lady Curzon Zenana Hospital, was sanctioned to be constructed at a cost of Rs 15,000, and the work has already progressed considerably

262 The Civil Surgeon inspected all the Dispensaries during the year except Sirdarshahar which he visited last year

263 Appendix No XXII shows the medical relief afforded in the State, from which it is evident that the work done in all the Hospitals and Dispensaries, and especially in the Bhagwan Das Hospital, Bikaner, was very satisfactory and reflects the greatest credit on Captain Kilkelly

264 The expenditure during the year was Rs 40,484-12-8 against Rs 34,260-9-5 in the year preceding

Vaccination

265 The number of vaccination operations during the year was 21,833

266 An abstract of returns for the year under report and the previous

5 years is given below —

SEASON	Average No of vaccinators.	Total No of vaccinations	Ratio of success claimed by vaccinators	Ratio of success shown in Superintendent and Native Superintendent's inspection registers.	Average cost of each successful case		
					Rs	As	P
1899-1900	16 05	29,494	99 52	98 82	.	1	5
1900-1901	16 6	20,980	98 52	95 26	.	1	11
1901-1902	18 0	18,192	99 34	97 10	.	2	4
1902-1903	15 8	19,538	99 49	97 88	.	2	3
1903-1904	11 83	21,657	99 55	97 82	.	1	9
1904-1905	11 42	21,833	99 58	97 97	.	2	1

267 The above indicates a satisfactory progress in vaccination in the State

268 The expenditure incurred was Rs 3,686-0-9 against Rs 3,025-13-10 in the last year

Sanitation and Public Health

269 The sanitation of the Bikaner City, as well as of other Municipal towns in the State, was very satisfactory.

270 No epidemic disease prevailed during the year and the public health was good

Plague

271 The State was quite free from plague during the year under report

Vital Statistics

272 Appendix No XXIV shows the births and deaths in the Bikaner City and other Municipal towns and the Railway line

273 Every attempt is being made for all births and deaths in the City as well as in the towns to be reported at once to the Police and for the correct registration of the same In the City, all the deaths reported to the Police are verified by the Assistant Health Officer

CHAPTER VII

EDUCATION.

274. Education in Bikaner has now reached a very reasonable standard

of efficiency and become much more popular than it was a few years ago, though unfortunately, a wider diffusion of Primary education in the villages is much restricted and hindered by the peculiar condition of the country and the circumstances of the people

275 The Durbar are, however, always anxious to extend the Village School System as far as practicable in spite of the above difficulties, and the number of Village Schools is gradually making head way

276 There are now 38 Schools of all kinds in the State, 7 of them being at the Capital, and 31 in the Districts Of the latter, 3 are Secondary Schools, where English is also taught, the ultimate object being to raise them to the Middle Standard, 11 are Primary or Lower Primary, and 14 *Banika*

277 The difference in the number, as compared with that given in previous years' Reports, is due to the opening of some new Schools, and to the fact that the *Banika* Schools were so long not counted as separate Schools, simply because they are housed in the same buildings, although they have separate teachers and have nothing in common with the Village Schools The same remarks apply to the *Banika* and the Technical Service Schools at the Capital

278 Side by side with the increase and improvement in the educational system of the State, the expenditure is necessarily on the increase, the total amount for the year under report being Rs 28,423-15-0 against Rs 25,781-15-6 of the last year, including the expenses in connection with the Mayo College at Ajmer

279 The Schools at the Capital are flourishing Institutions, the chief features of which are briefly noted below —

The Durbar High School

280 This School teaches upto the Entrance Standard of the Allahabad University A separate Vernacular Branch has been attached to the School to enable little boys to be well grounded in their mother tongue before they join the Anglo-Vernacular classes A new graduate teacher has been added for the Middle and High Sections, and the Staff is now such, in point of strength and efficiency, as can be desired for a first class High School

281 The Entrance Examination for the year under report will be held in May, and five boys have been sent up for it

282 In January last, the School was visited by Mr F L Reid, Inspector of Schools on special duty, who was very favourably impressed with all he saw and has spoken of it in high terms in his report

The Hindi Book-keeping School

283 It is a Technical Service School, preparing boys for Accountantships in the various Departments of the State Six candidates were examined in the year under report, and all of them came out successful

The Banika School

284 This School is specially attractive to the Bankers and Trading classes of the City

The Patwar School

285 It is another Technical Service School, turning out Patwaries and

other candidates for employment in the Revenue Department of the State. Ten students of this School were examined in the year under review, and 8 came out successful.

The Police Training School

286 This School has only lately been established. It is proposed to transfer it to the direct control of the Police Department to which it principally belongs.

The Walter Nobles' School

287 This institution is, as its name indicates, meant for the aristocracy of the State and to serve as a feeder to the Mayo College at Ajmer.

288 It was named, at His Highness's special desire, after the late C. K. M. Walter, a.s.r., one of the well-known and most popular Agents of the Governor-General in Rajputana, who was kind enough to look after the school and take a lot of trouble over His Highness the Maharajah when, as a little boy, he was ill with typhoid fever at Abu in 1889.

289 The curriculum of studies is therefore, based chiefly on the course that followed in that College, but it is complete in itself and has a practical side attached to it in the shape of a Revenue and Survey, and a Hindustani keeping class, for the benefit of those who cannot afford to go to the Mayo College.

290 Three boys were examined in the Revenue and Survey work during the year under report, of whom two passed successfully.

291 The number of students in the Boarding House attached to the School was 16 against 11 of the last year, and a new House Master has been appointed who has no longer to supervise the games and exercises.

292 The Football Team of this School is a strong one and at the Rajputana School Sports, Ajmer, regained from the Mayo College Team the Challenge Cup, which it had lost last year. Some of the boys brought away other prizes also in different events. They were unfortunately not able to retain the Tug-of-war Challenge Cup, though they got the second prize. A new Games Instructor has been engaged and the physical training of the School is in as efficient a state as ever. The School Football Team also won this year the Challenge Cup, presented by His Highness, in the Tournament.

293 On 14th January, the Hon'ble Sir Arthur Martindale, Agent Governor-General, Rajputana, visited the School and, at His Highness's invitation, distributed prizes to the successful students. He expressed much pleasure at the progress made by the School.

294 The School was also visited, during the year under report, at the invitation of His Highness, by Mr. C. W. Waddington, Principal of the Mayo College, Ajmer, and Mr. F. L. Reid, Inspector of Schools, on special duty.

295 Five Bikaner boys are now studying at the Mayo College, Ajmer, who have all been sent from this School.

The Lady Elgin Girls' School

296 This School is in a fairly good condition, but owing to the difficulty of obtaining really suitable mistresses, its further progress is much retarded.

In order to remove this defect and to secure suitable candidates, the salaries of the posts have been increased, and two additional teachers added, to help in the work of the lower classes. The sewing and embroidery work continues to be done, as usual.

The District Schools

297 Three new Schools have been opened at Bidasar, Momasar, and Deshnok. There is a slight falling off in the total number of boys on roll as compared with that for the last year, which is due to a new Anglo-Vernacular School having been established at Churu by a local banker, and two *Banika* Schools opened at Sirdarshahar and Sujangarh, which have drawn away some of the boys from the State Schools, but as those three Schools have not yet come under State supervision and management, the numbers of boys in them have not been included among those in the State Schools.

298 The number of pupils on roll and the daily average attendance in the various Schools are given in Appendix No XXV.

CHAPTER VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

SIRDARS

299 Six Tazimi Sirdars died during the year —

- (1) Thakur Megh Singh, Hada, of Dhirasar, on 8th August 1904
- (2) Thakur Bijey Singh, Narnot Rathore, of Magrasar, on 25th August 1904
- (3) Thakur Jaswant Singh, Bhati, of Chhaneri, on 12th November 1904
- (4) Thakur Ganpat Singh, Rathore, of Dadrewa, on 9th December 1904
- (5) Thakur Rup Singh, Bidawat Rathore, of Badabar, on 26th February 1905
- (6) Thakur Nathu Singh, Shekhawat, of Dulrasar, on 22nd March 1905

300 Of these, Nos 2, 4, & 6 died without leaving any male issue and enquiries are being made about their succession, whilst Nos 1, 3, & 5 will be succeeded by their sons with the sanction of the Durbar.

301 It is greatly to be regretted that the good relations, which, on the whole, existed between the Durbar and the Sirdars of the State during the six years of His Highness's Administration, were sadly interrupted during the year under report.

302 For the last 5 or 6 years, there were a few disloyal Pattedars, who were always intent on making mischief, but hitherto the Durbar kept them quiet, and their attempts to spread disaffection among their brother Pattedars

and to bring discredit on the administration of the State, and thereby to weaken the authority of the Durbar, were not successful

303 The paternal action of the Durbar in having so far overlooked their faults and in keeping them quiet was unfortunately misconstrued and misrepresented by such Pattedars into a sign of weakness on the Durbar's part, and it appears that from as early as the rains of the year under report, a systematic and well-organised seditious movement was set on foot by these Pattedars. Owing to misguided notions, temptations held out, and weakness of character, several Pattedars were induced to join the ringleaders in this disloyal agitation, which thus gained ground. All this was so cleverly and secretly managed that, beyond vague rumours which the Durbar did not regard as serious, the State was entirely kept in ignorance of the seditious movement.

304 When, however, the Tazimi Pattedars assembled at Bikaner by order, for His Highness's Birthday and the Dasehra, according to custom, it soon became evident that a very serious intrigue against the State was on foot and that seditious and unlawful meetings were being held, almost openly, at the houses of some of the Sirdars.

305 As this state of things was highly undesirable and could not be allowed to proceed unchecked, His Highness, on the 23rd October, 1904, dropped a hint in his speech on the occasion of his Birthday Banquet, at which all the Sirdars were present, warning the Pattedars not to join such disloyal movements, and pointing out that if there were any who imagined that they had any grievances, they should approach His Highness in an open and straightforward manner.

306 As a result of this warning, several Pattedars, who had only been won over by the ringleaders on account of the weakness of their characters, took leave and returned to their villages, thus severing their connection with the seditious movement, but, on the other hand, a few of the Pattedars, and principally the ringleaders, quite disregarded the warning, and continued their intrigues and holding their meetings, if anything, with greater vigour.

307 Daily meetings continued to be held from 24th to 29th October, when, on the latter date, a summary enquiry was ordered, as prompt action was considered necessary.

308 Evidently news of the commencement of this enquiry reached the principal ringleaders, who, finding themselves in an awkward position and that they had then gone too far to recede, apparently tried to shield themselves as a last resort by posting, at the Government Post Office at Bikaner, on the 31st October, separate but identical petitions, addressed to His Highness the Maharajah, dealing with some 36 alleged grievances. These petitions were delivered to His Highness on the afternoon of the 1st November, by which date the preliminary enquiry was nearly completed.

309 It was evident from this enquiry that the seditious movement of the Sirdars was far more serious than had at first been anticipated, causing grave apprehension, if not checked in time, of a disturbance of the public peace, an interruption in the Administration, and loss of prestige and authority to the State.

310 Even then, instead of committing the ringleaders to trial by the State Courts in the ordinary course of events, which the State, according to the usage in force, would have been quite justified in doing, His Highness treated them with leniency and shewed a great desire to give them exceptional chances of being treated with justice and fairness.

311 A Commission, consisting of one Rajvi, Mahanaj Bhanun Singh, two, out of the four principal Sirdars of the State, namely, Thakuris Hari Singh of Mahajan and Kan Singh of Bhukarka, and two high State Officials, 'Munshis Fateh Singh, Revenue Officer, and Lallji Mal, Nazim of Suratgarh, was, therefore, ordered by His Highness to try the principal ringleaders, then in Bikanei These were Thakur Hukm Singh of Bidasar, Thakur Bhanun Singh of Ajitpura, and Thakur Ram Singh of Gopalpura

312 It would, perhaps, not be out of place to here briefly go into the antecedents of the three ringleaders mentioned above

313 **Thakur Bhanun Singh of Ajitpura** is a notorious malcontent and agitator Three years after becoming a Pattedar, and when only some 21 years of age, he joined the rebellion of Samvat 1940, for which, as he was then a mere boy and not a ringleader, he was let off with a small fine He has ever since continued treading on the path of disloyalty and his private character has also left a great deal to be desired, inasmuch as he was ordered by the Political Agent and the Regency Council, after due enquiry, to furnish security for good behaviour in His Highness's minority This was done on serious complaints having been made by the British Police of the Hissar District that he harboured thieves and dacoits, received stolen property through them, and habitually intimidated people to extort money from them His Patta is very heavily encumbered owing to debts incurred by himself in his life time

314 **Thakur Hukm Singh of Bidasar**, who is quite a young man, has inherited the disloyal tendencies of his father, Thakur Bahadur Singh, who was deposed from the Patta for taking a leading part in the rebellion of Samvat 1940 Ever since he was given the management of his Patta, a few years ago, on attaining his majority, he has taken a leading part in all disloyal movements against the State He was heavily addicted to drink and to eating stupefia, &c, and much oppressed his cultivators, who frequently complained against his high-handedness to His Highness and the State Officers, while on tour A case also came up before His Highness from which it is clear that he levied from the people in his Patta some illegal taxes and cesses, which had been prohibited by the State

315 **Thakur Ram Singh of Gopalpura** is a very weak-minded man, and easily led by his relations, Thakurs Hukm Singh of Bidasar and Bahadur Singh, and his friend, Thakur Bhanun Singh of Ajitpura His character is also unsatisfactory His natural father is a notorious dacoit and is said to have taken part in 13 dacoities Colonel R H Jennings, then Resident at Jodhpur, drew the Durbar's attention, some months ago, to the fact that it came out in the course of the enquiries into the mail robbery case by the Maiwar Court of Vakils that Ram Singh associated with thieves and dacoits

316 A word here will suffice for the question of grievances Of the 36 grievances represented, it should be noted that there was not one point which had been recently taken up or was under consideration, justifying (?) even in the slightest degree the action taken by the Pattedars

317 Most of these points had been settled long before His Highness took up the administration of the State and some of them had also been sanctioned by the Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-General The only question of the stone quarries was then, and is still, under consideration

318 Although all these matters had long been settled and finally disposed of, yet to give them no chance of saying that they were not being justly treated, the grievances question was taken up and gone into fully and separately from the sedition case and clear orders were passed on all points

319 The ringleaders, in their defence and subsequently, alleged that they were tried and punished for their having submitted petitions *re* their so-called grievances mentioned in para 308, but by referring to the same para it will be clearly observed that preliminary enquiries against their open disloyal action had been ordered and nearly completed before their petitions were even posted, and this statement of theirs, obviously a got-up one to save themselves, therefore, falls to the ground

320 The Commission sat for a total period of one month and 23 days, during which the witnesses against, and for, the ringleaders were examined and several of the charges of sedition and spreading disaffection, &c, were fully proved against the above named Pattedars both individually and collectively, the evidence against them being extremely strong and reliable having been given mostly by big Tazimi Sirdars of the State, whilst that for the defence was, for the most part, quite irrelevant and given either by the menial servants of the accused or other interested persons and it in no way refuted the serious charges preferred against them

321 The three ringleaders were, therefore, not only found guilty of the offence defined in Section 124 A, I P C, but also of infringing the conditions on which the Pattas were granted to them, where it is clearly laid down that they shall not in any way deviate from the path of loyalty or join any disloyal movement against the State

322 Their offence was so grave as to justly render them Pattas liable to total confiscation, in addition to imprisonment, but His Highness preferred to again deal with the case rather leniently, on the whole

323 In consultation with the Members of his Council, His Highness decided to give administrative punishments, which were considered more suitable and likely to be of advantage in setting an example and to serve as a warning to others

324 Therefore, only half the Patta of the Thakur of Ajitpura, and one village from each of the Pattas of Bidasar and Gopalpura were confiscated, whilst the Bidasar Patta was made Khalsa for 3 years

325 The Thakur of Ajitpura was deposed and all the three Thakurs were put under surveillance for certain terms

326 The Thakurs of Bidasar and Ajitpura were also degraded a step in their seats at Durbar

327 The Commission in their report gave the names of certain persons who, it appeared in the enquiry, were also implicated in the seditious movement either as ringleaders or otherwise. Among them is included Thakur Bahadur Singh, the ex-Pattedar of Bidasar, who is also a Member of Council

328 Separate orders regarding such persons will be passed later

329 The Political Agent was kept well in touch as regards this important matter

330 This discordant note in the otherwise harmonious relations with the Sirdars has been a source of much regret to the Durbar, specially as in no previous Mahrajah of Bikaner's time before now have the Sirdars been treated

better or had less to complain of as regards the policy of the Ruler and the State towards them, and by their above mentioned actions the Pattedars have shewn their gratitude to His Highness in a most unbecoming and peculiar way of their own

COURT OFWARDS.

331 There were 52 Pattas or Wards under management at the commencement of the year

332 During the year, 11 came under management, making a total of 63 Of these, 7 were released, leaving 56 at the close of the year

333 Out of 56, 3 belong to widows, 28 to minors, and 25 are such as are encumbered with debts or taken under management on account of no successors having as yet been appointed on the death or deposition of the Pattedars

334 Of the Wards, 33 are Tazimi, of whom the more important are Maharaj Jagmal Singh Rajvi, Rawat Man Singh of Rawatsar, one of the four Sarayats of the State, and Rao Jeoraj Singh of Pugal

335 Three Wards are receiving education in the Mayo College, Ajmer, and 14 in the Walter Nobles' School at Bikaner

336 The total income of all the Pattas during the year was Rs 1,03,854-10-6 against Rs 1,11,379-12-6 in the last year The decrease was due to the year not being so prosperous as the preceding one

337 The total expenditure including the payments made in liquidation of debts was Rs 96,976-5-9 against Rs 92,759-13-9 in the preceding year

338 The work done during the year has been satisfactory

WALTER-KRIT RAJPUTRA HITKARINI SABHA.

339 During the year, 386 marriages among Rajputs and 29 among Charans were celebrated as against 314 & 27 respectively in the last year, whilst the number of *Osav*s or death ceremonies performed among Rajputs and Charans was 86 and 5 against 86 and 11 in the previous year

340 The rules of the Committee were infringed wholly or partially in 33 marriages among the Rajputs and one marriage among the Charans, for which suitable punishments were awarded

341 The Committee, as usual, continued to do excellent work during the year under report

THE DURBAR PRINTING PRESS.

342 As stated in the last year's Report, the Durbar Printing Press, which was attached to the Central Jail, was made a separate Department during the year and was located in the *Mangal bung*, an old Palace, separate from the Palace buildings, but situated inside the Fort

343 The Press has been thoroughly reorganised and placed under the charge of a responsible Officer, designated as the Superintendent of the Durbar Printing Press

344 The Staff has been strengthened by 35 new hands and new materials including one new machine and types of improved pattern have been added to the old stock

345 The cost of establishment during the year was Rs. 3,274-15-3 and the gross earnings Rs. 3,661-8-6

346 It is anticipated that better results will be achieved next year now that the Press has been well equipped

FAIRS.

347 The following three important fairs were held during the year as usual —

- (1) The Gogameri Cattle Fair in the Nohar Tehsil, from 26th August to 24th September, 1904
- (2) The Kolait Bathing Fair in the Magra Sub-Tehsil, from 18th November to 23rd November, 1904,
- (3) The Camel Fair at Bikaner, from 24th to 26th November 1904

248 The number of persons assembled at Gogameri and Kolait was 15,000 and 10,000 against 9,000 and 12,000 respectively in the last year

349 About 200 camels, &c., were brought to the Camel fair, of which 29 camels received prizes

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APPENDIX I

Names of High Officials in the Bikaner State and the Residency Officials showing changes in personnel during the year 1904-05

Name of Officer	Appointment	PERIOD		Remarks
		From	To	
Political Agency				
Major P T A Spence, I A	Political Agent	1-4-04	21-6-04	
Capt P P Kilkelly, I M S, Civil Surgeon	In charge Political Agency	22-6-04	14-7-04	
Capt W E Scott Moncrieff, I M S, Civil Surgeon	Do	15-7-04	18-9-04	
Capt P P Kilkelly, I M S, Civil Surgeon	Do	19-9-04	19-10-04	
Major W C R Stratton, I A	Political Agent	20-10-04	31-3-05	
Transfer among High State Officials				
M Abd-us-Samad Khan	Supdt General of Police	1-4-04	31-1-05	
M Sayyad Mohammad Ali	Do	1-2-05	31-3-05	

*Bhairun Singh,
Secretary*

*For the Political & Foreign Department,
Mahkma Khas, Bikaner*

APPENDIX II

List of Laws in force in the Bikaner State

Description	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts	Introduced during year under report	Remarks
Civil			
1 State Civil Law of 1884, <i>i.e.</i> , Civil Procedure Code			
2 State Small Cause Court Act			
3 Limitation Act of 1893			
4 Pleaders and Legal Practitioners Act			
Criminal			
1 Penal Code . . .	Indian Penal Code in force		
2 Criminal Procedure Code, <i>i.e.</i> , Act No V of 1898	Indian Criminal Procedure Code in force		
3 Whipping Act, <i>i.e.</i> , Act No VI of 1864	Indian Whipping Act in force		
4 Savings Banks Act No V of 1873	Recognised by the State	Introduced from 1st May 1904	
5 Indian Extradition Act No XXI of 1889 and No XV of 1903	Do. . .	Act No XV of 1903 introduced from 1st June 04	
6 State Police Act			
7 Gambling Act of 1889			
8 Rules for the control and supervision of the Criminal tribes, 1891			
9 Telegraph Rules, 1891			
10 Rules <i>i.e.</i> illicit manufacture of Salt, 1892			
11 Cattle Trespass Rules, 1892			
12 Conservancy Rules, 1893			
13 Special laws against cow slaughter, killing of peacocks and pigeons, and forbidding the building of <i>Gadhis</i> (fortresses)			
14 Game Preservation Act			

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APPENDIX II—(concl'd.)

Description	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts	Introduced during year under report	Remarks
15 Rules re sale of opium, 1898			
16 Post Office Act VI of 1898	Indian Post office Act recognised by, & introduced into, the State from 1st March 1904		
17 State Arms and Ammunition Act of 1898			
Revenue			
1 State Revenue Code of 1885			
2 Abkari and Excise Rules & Regulations, 1893			
3 State Registration Act, 1892			
4 State Customs Rules and Tariff, 1898			
5 State Stamp and Court Fees Act, 1900			
6 Court of Wards Act			
7 Rules for the mutual sale and purchase of habitable land among people			
8 Rules for advancing loans to Sirdais			
9 Rules re <i>Nazul</i> (State) land			
10 The Punjab Tenancy Act No XVI of 1887	In force in the Tibi Ilaqa		
11 The Punjab Land Revenue Act No XVII of 1887	Do		
12 Stamp Act I of 1879	Do		
13 Court Fee Act VII of 1870	Do		

*Teoraj Singh,**Member of Council,**Bikaner*

APPENDIX III

Statement showing the strength, cost, and other particulars of the Military Force in the Bulanee State for the year 1904-05

NUMBER OF FIGHTING OFFICERS & MFN
DETAILS OF FORCE AT THE END OF THE CURRENT YEAR

ARM OF SERVICE	Casualties										Number of men	Remarks		
	At the end of the last year	Retir'd this year	Died	Discharged, deser'ted,	At the end of the current year	Native Officers	Non Commissioned Officers	Flighting men	Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the Force, incldg. followings	Rs As P				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry	228	7	1	6	223	2				7	20	201	61,966	4 6 Cavalry and Body Guard
Infantry	246	71	1	8	14	294	1			10	25	259	25,462	10 6
Artillery	37	2	.	2	37	1	94			1	5	31	3,268	14 * Including 61 un-serviceable guns
Ganga Risala (Camel corps)	461	46	1	.	31	475	1			14	77	384	1,38,514	4 5
Band	39	3		2	40	.	.	1		1	38	9,645	1 4	
Total	1,011	129	3	3	55	1,074	5	54	1	32	128	213	2,28,857	2 9

Raj Singh,

*Secretary,
For the Military Department,
Maharajah Khas, Bulanee*

APPENDIX IV

*Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline, and education of the Police of the
Bikaner State for the year 1904-05*

DESCRIPTION OF OFFICE	Number	Pay of grade	Total Cost	Dismissed	PUNISHMENTS		RF WARDS	By promotion	By money	EDUCATION		REMARKS
					Fined, degraded or suspended de- partmentally	Punished judi- cially				10	11	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
* Superintendent General	1	Rs 247	Rs 2,964							1		* M Abdus Samad Khan resigned his post from 1-2-05 and M Mohammed Ali was appointed Superintendent General in his place on Rs 275 p.m.
District Superintendent	1	65	780							1		
Supdt of City Police	1	65	780							1		
Inspectors	4	42 each	2,016							4		
Sarischedar	1	30	360							1		
Deputy Inspectors	51{	14 @ 22 each, 37 @ 27 each	15,684	1	Fined 18					51		
Court Inspector	1	20	240							1		
Asst Court Inspectors	5	10 each	600		Fined 1					5		
Gumshitas	2	15 each	360							2		
Moharrirs	62{	15 @ 15 each, 47 @ 10 each	8,340	2	Fined 18, degraded 5, suspended 4					62		
Jamadars	26{	17 at 14 each, 9 at 7/8 each	3,666		Fined 5, degraded 2					13		
Sowars	201{	193 @ 14 each, 8 @ 13 each	33,672	5	Fined 12	Imprisoned 1				1		
Constables	541{	397 @ 6 each 114 @ 5/8 , 30 @ 5 ,	37,908	16	Fined 18, degraded 1, suspended 10	Fined 2, Imprisoned 5				27		
Clerks	2	5/8 each	132							2		
Chapasis	2	5 ,	120							2		
Barkandaz	21	4 ,	1,008	1								
Ikhojis	2	5/8 ,	132									
Sakkas	2	6 ,	144									
Sub Inspector for Crimi- nal Tribes	1	32	384		Fined 72 Degraded 8 Suspended 14	Fined 2 Imprisoned 6				1		
Total	927		1,09,290	25		94		8,23		173		

Kamta Prasad,
Under-Secretary,
Mahlma Khas, Bikaner

APPENDIX V

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Balkan State, during the year 1904-05

STATE	No of offences			No of accused arrested			No of accused sent for trial			No of accused convicted			No of accused accepted or discharged			Percentage of convictions (columns 4& 5)			Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial			REMARKS
	Present year	Past year	Present year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Bikaner	822	592	722	515	722	515	420	307	279	149	58	17	59	61	58	17	59	61	16	16	16	

Kamta Prasad,

*Under-Secretary,
Mahma Khas, Bikaner*

APPENDIX VI

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Bulaner State, during the year 1904-05

STATE	AMOUNT STOLEN		AMOUNT RECOVERED		PERCENTAGE OF RECOVERIES OF PROPERTY STOLEN		Remarks
	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
BULANER	Rs 47,816-15-9	Rs 43,481-14-6	Rs 16,540 0-9	Rs 16,359-14-0	34 5	37 6	53

Kamta Prasad,
Under-Secretary,
Mahkma Khas, Bulaner

APPENDIX VII

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and cases awaiting trial in the Bilanei State during the year 1904-05.

Description of offences	NUMBER OF OFFENCES		NUMBER OF PERSONS SENTENCED										TERM OF IMPRISONMENT																
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Dacoity	2	8	10	2	13																							13	
Robbery	26	40	66	21	8	11	9	5	5	4	9	2															3 2.		
Theft over Rs 50	104	148	252	96	60	96	56	2	38	5	10	1	56	28													6 20 17 1 1	12	
Theft under Rs 50	98	250	348	83	142	187	136	82	1	9	37	7	136	38	1	21	5 24 18 17	5	2	12									
Murder	8	8	5	9	6	5	5	1	6	1																1	2 2 2		
Poisoning																													
Others	26	138	164	14	95	199	100	2	28	9	59	2	100	80	7	2	3 10 10	3	2	2	.	19							
Total	256	592	848	216	310	515	307	4	153	1	23	111	10	307	149	1	28	7 27 24 50	27	4	3	2	58						

APPENDIX VIII

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Bilkan State during the year 1904-05

Name of Court	Number of offences reported during the year	Number of Persons Dealt with										Persons Disposed of														
		Brought to trial in 1904-05			Total			Present year			On summons			Present year			Convicted		Acquitted		Dismissed without trial		Deferred, escaped, or trans-		Persons remaining at end of year	
Council	2	3	2	3	3	2	5	2	5	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Appeal Court	22	27	4	38	7	5	3	39	53	3	16	31	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Nizamat's	602	477	50	760	46	49	13	17	1,078	885	220	126	480	30	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Tehsildars' Courts	547	469	65	263	10	388	2	862	663	167	222	263	37	39	37	39	37	39	37	39	37	39	37	39	37	
Honorary Magistrates' Court, Bilkan	60	71	13	9	168	152	177	95	46	44	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Total	1,233	1,047	132	1,072	56	615	20	20	2,183	1,783	485	413	820	35	39	123	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	18	

Georaj Singhi,

Member of Council,

Bilkaner

APPENDIX IX

Statement showing the results of appeals against decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Bilaner State during the year 1904-05

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TRIBUNALS	NUMBER OF PERSONS AND CASES										Remainder
	SENTENCES			Proceedings quashed			Further enquiry, &c, ordered.			Pending	
	Applications rejected	Confirmed	Modified	Reversed	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Cases	
Number of applications											
1	2	3	1	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Council	64			46	41	5	4	11	11	9	4
Appeal Court	93	3	3	55	53	24	18	18	17		
Nizamats	29			18	18	3	2	2	2		
Total	186	3	3	119	112	33	24	34	30	9	9
										4	4
										10	9

Jeanaj Singh,
Member of Council,
Bikaner

APPENDIX X

Civil Work—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of

COUNCIL	TRIBUNAL	OFFRING BALANCE DURING THE YEAR, IN CEIVED BY TRANSFER OR ON REWARD	TOTAL	DISPOSED OR DURING THE YEAR	CLOSING BALANCE	SUITS FILED DURING PRESENT YEAR										SUITS DISPOSED OF DURING PRESENT YEAR										
						PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR	PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR	PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR	PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR	PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR	PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR	PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR	PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR	PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR	PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Hon'ble Magistrates' Court, Nizamats	Appeal Court	3	3	4	3	7	2	3	5	31,225	14	6	3	1	1	2	64,098	14	3	0	29					
Tehsildars' Courts	50	66	208	154	258	220	191	188	67	32	2,31,779	50	13	104	37	15	53	76	10	38	25	18	107	2,75,521	3	
Hon'ble Magistrates' Court, Bikaner	185	210	1,142	1,585	1,627	1,705	1,410	1,633	217	162	1,57,911	53	42	1,416	97	1,063	522	191	128	103	608	1,47,178	14	0	1,183	
Hon'ble Magistrates' Court, Nohar	Total	277	378	2,087	2,153	2,364	2,494	2,019	2,253	345	241	4,90,984	9	3	55	1,968	135	1,438	577	53	76	14	30	587	424	923

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The difference in columns 3 and 4
due to some of the cases being transferred from one count to another

George Washington

Member of Council,

Bikner

APPENDIX XI

Civil work — Results of applications for execution of decrees

TRIBUNAL	ORIGIN PLATE	APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO THE REGISTER		TOTAL	DISPOSED OF	CLOSING BALANCE	NATURE OF APPLICA- TIONS PENDING DIS- POSAL AT THE CLOSE OF THIS YEAR
		PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR				
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Nominal		R _b A.P.	R _b A.P.	R _b	R _b	R _b	R _b
Tribunals Courts	112	94	1,46,627 15 0	223	231	3,92,977 9 9	315
Honorary Magistrates' Court, Bikaner	276	293	12,831 14 3	1,166	1,130	1,17,915 0 0	322
Honorary Magistrates' Court, Nohur	131	138	6,765 6 6	392	397	6,79,605 7 9	211
	8	9	139 15 0	57	12	17,317 9 6	523
Total	527	524	2,06,735 2 9	1,978	1,768	5,28,779 5 3	2,365
						2,292	8,24,724 8 0
						1,841	1,004
						4,62,001 0 0	724
						3,62,633 8 0	290
						59	39

Secretary Singhi,

Member of Council,
Bikaner.

APPENDIX XII

Civil work—Number and results of appeals in civil suits

TRIBUNAL	OPENING FILLED BUT NOT DURING	TOTAL DURING BUT NOT BANC	DISPOSED CLOSING VOLUME OF APPEALS FILED DURING			DECISIONS CONFIRMED REVERSED REVERSED OR UNHELD DURING			DECISIONS CONFIRMED REVERSED REVERSED OR UNHELD DURING			CASES MANAGED FOR RETRAIL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF			AVERAGE DURATION OF APPEALS FILED									
			PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR	PAST YEAR	PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR	PAST YEAR	PAST YEAR	PAST YEAR	PAST YEAR	PAST YEAR	PAST YEAR	PAST YEAR	PAST YEAR	PAST YEAR	PAST YEAR							
Council	33	23	110	158	173	181	150	147	33	34	12,155-40	9,6,708-9-9	58	65	27	21	19	24	7	24	9	13	0-0-24 ¹	0-3-27
Appeal Court	40	24	246	210	286	264	262	246	21	18	82,256	130	1,26,144-11-6	168	161	34	12	50	39	10	3	1	0-1-26	0-1-13
Nizamats	14	7	141	192	155	199	118	179	7	20	20,143-6-9	28,204-2-6	81	100	36	33	18	18	7	22	6	6	0-1-3	0-1-11 ¹
Total	57	54	527	590	614	644	560	572	54	72	1,4,555-7-9	2,51,447-7-9	337	326	97	96	57	81	24	19	15	20	0-1-7	0-2-7

Georaj Singh,

Assembly of Court cul,

Bukner.

APPENDIX XIII

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the State, during the year 1904-05

S T A T I O N S	NUMBER OF PRISONERS		DAILY AVERAGE		Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail							
	TOTAL		AVERAGE									
	Admitted during the year	Remaining from last year	Past year	Present year								
Bikaner	1	322	415	962	737	378 08	300 12	282	20,008.	1-3	23 15	Only 2 deaths
Sujangarh	1	38	186	250	224	43 66	39 22	37	2,921-	4-9	35 77	Nil
Reni	1	38	122	231	160	41 16	36 26	44	2,307.	15-9	71 11	Nil

*R. D. Cooper,
 Secretary
 Medical & Jails Department,
 Makhma Khals, Bikaner.*

APPENDIX XIV

Registration of documents in the Bikaner State

*Raghuvan Singh,
Secretary
to the Revenue & Financial Department,
Maharaja Khair, Bikaner*

APPENDIX XV

*Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration
during the year 1904-05*

Description	PAST YEAR						PRESENT YEAR						REMARKS	
	Number of deeds	Value of property			Fees realised			Number of deeds	Value of property			Fees realised		
		Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P		Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P
Mortgage	302	2,76,516	10	3	975	14		401	2,92,633	2		1,316		
Sale	63	37,617	5	6	176	10		82	58,335	7	3	312	10	
Will	1					2		1					2	
Bonds	36	14,457			41	12		32	17,450	1	6	43	5	
Miscellaneous	77	36,192	14	6	133	4		63	32,154	7		111	6	
TOTAL	479	3,64,783	14	3	1,329	8		579	4,00,573	4	9	1,815	5	
Deduct expenditure					53	2							20	9
Net profit					1,276	6						1,794	12	

Raghuvan Singh,
Secretary
For the Revenue & Financial Department,
Mahma Khas, Bihar

APPENDIX XVI

Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Bikaner State during the year 1904-05

NAMES	RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR			EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR			Remarks.				
	Past			Present							
	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P					
Bikaner	8,581	15	9	7,075	9	24,869	12	26,393	1	3	
Sujangarh	682	6	6	488	12	3	1,321	11	1,336	3	9
Dungargarh	158			176	15		156		125	4	
Ratangarh	2,503	6	6	1,889	13	6	1,462	13	1,340	1	6
Sirdarshahar	1,743	8	6	2,041	9		999	14	1,101		6
Churu	4,037	5	9	3,703	5	6	2,708	14	2,310	10	3
Reni	996		9	807	14	3	709	10	664	4	6
Rajgarh	310	3	3	331	12	6	386	13	387		
Bhadra	572	2	6	639	3	9	480	4	430	6	3
Nohar	1,007	15	6	722	7	3	693		756	8	
Suratgarh	1,351			1,040			653	13	865	14	
Total	21,944	1		18,916	13	9	24,642	10	25,710	6	

Raghuvan Singh,
Secretary
For the Revenue & Financial Department,
Mahima Khas, Bikaner

APPENDIX XVII

Statement of Rainfall in the Bikanei State

Raghunar Singh,

Secretary

*For the Revenue & Financial Department
Maharaja Khas, Bikaneur*

APPENDIX XVIII

Statement as to prices of staple food grains

ARTICLE	During March (Past year)		During March (Present year)		Remarks
	1st quality Seers	2nd quality Seers	1st quality Seers	2nd quality Seers	
	18	18½	14	15	
Wheat	12½	12¾	10¾	11¼	
Gram	20¾	21¾	18	18½	
Mung	15	16	13	13½	
Moth	17¾	18¾	14	15	
Bailey	22	22½	19	20	
Jawai	23	23½	17½	18	

Raghuvan Singh,

*Secretary
For the Revenue & Financial Department,
Mahma Khas, Bikaner*

APPENDIX XIX

Expenditure on Public Works during the year 1904-05

DESCRIPTION OF WORK	STATE FUNDS						LOCAL FUNDS						SUBSCRIPTIONS						REMARKS	
	Original			Repairs			Total			Original			Repairs			Total				
	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p		
Military	3,143	14	6	1,358	7	3	4,502	5	9	"								4,502	5 9	
Civil	1,26,232	3	3	15,090	11	7	1,41,322	14	10				29,789	14	10	299	5	6	30,089	4 4
Communications	2,463	9		10,967	9		13,431	2										13,431	2	
Miscellaneous	24,475	14	3	4,174	4		28,650	2	3									28,650	2 3	
Irrigation	18,758	2					18,758	2										18,758	2	
Establishment	26,453	15	3				26,453	15	3									26,453	15 3	
Total	2,01,627	10	3	31,590	15	10	2,32,118	10	1				29,789	11	10	299	5	6	30,089	4 4

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Hari Singh,
Secretary
To the Public Works Department & Railways,
Mahima Khas, Bikaner

APPENDIX XXI

Statement showing the excise shops and excise revenue of the Bilkaner State, during the year 1904-05

NAME OF STATE	COUNTRY SPIRIT			ORUM.			GANJ, BIANG AND CHARAS			TARI.			TOTAL			REMARKS
	Number of shops			Revenue			Number of shops			Revenue			Number of shops			
Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P		
Bilkaner	14	21,638	7 0	314	300	0 0	15	4,035	13 6 .	343	25,974	4 6				

*Raghunath Singh,
Secretary
For the Revenue & Financial Department,
Malma-Khas, Bilkaner*

APPENDIX XXII

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the

Receipts

Serial No.	Heads of Receipts	Actuals of Samvat 1960 (1903-04 A.D.)			Estimates for Samvat 1961 (1904-05 A.D.)			Actuals of Samvat 1961 (1904-05 A.D.)		
		Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P
	Opening Balance	6,93,704	13	9	11,75,317			11,75,322	11	6
Ordinary.										
1	Land Revenue .	9,28,342	13	6	8,74,700			10,78,734	9	
2	Irrigation	24,929	3	6	20,500			26,945	5	6
3	Excise	24,712		9	23,000			25,974	4	6
4	Minerals	86,755	3	10	84,000			1,09,606	4	.
5	Customs .	5,91,022	2	9	6,04,300			6,18,527	3	9
6	Salt ..	54,537	12	3	45,550			61,843	15	6
7	Saltpetre	3,239	13	3	4,500			6,177	1	6
8	Stamp Revenue	39,768	10	3	35,000			42,340	13	9
9	Law and Justice	96,863	5		90,500			1,06,784	3	6
10	Registration	53,183	4	6	54,000			68,262	7	9
11	Railway and Telegraph	5,32,070	3	6	5,10,000			7,11,741	14	1
12	Sale of State Lands & Houses	41,832	8	6	40,000			62,129	14	3
13	Jails	22,071	10		15,000			3,642	14	3
14	Press				.			3,661	8	6
15	Miscellaneous	72,851	12	3	51,600			94,598	3	8
16	Interest	52,153	6	5	22,350			46,536		7
Total " Ordinary "										
		26,24,333	14	8	24,75,000			20,97,506	12	1
	Carried forward	26,24,333	14	3	24,75,000			30,97,506	12	1

Bikaner State for Samvat 1961 (1904-05 A D)

Expenditure.

Serial No	Heads of Expenditure	Actuals of Samvat 1960 (1903-04 A D)			Estimates for Samvat 1961 (1904-05 A D)			Actuals of Samvat 1961 (1904-05 A D)		
		Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P
Ordinary										
1	Religious and Charitable Endowments	33,934	10	3	28,141			36,157	15	
2	Palace	3,11,854	5	9	3,12,603			3,60,190	11	10
3	Administration —									
	I Mahkma Khas & Council	48,937	3	7	54,264			58,104		9
	II Revenue Department	1,46,852	11	11	1,75,575			1,50,042	5	10
	III Financial Department	14,859	6	6	16,038			16,054	13	6
	IV Judicial Department	29,264	5	3	31,792			31,316	11	6
4	Army	2,38,471	2		2,54,652			2,41,484	4	3
5	Police Department	1,10,199	12	3	1,16,070			1,09,724	1	
6	Customs Department	46,845	9		49,341			49,387	8	6
7	Salt Department	6,415		6	6,732			6,554	13	3
8	Gifts and Rewards	20,975	13	6	15,100			32,753	11	
9	Guests	10,699	12	6	13,002			11,688	5	9
10	Karkhanas	1,16,128	5	2	1,03,396			1,13,762	4	1
11	Medical Department	37,286	7	4	43,977			44,170	13	5
12	Railway & Telegraph	2,60,969	4	8	2,66,858			3,25,353	2	5
13	Public Works Department	1,38,282	12	10	2,24,615			2,25,861	10	7
14	Mechanical Department	47,217	6	4	72,448			64,635	11	5
15	Education	25,363	15	6	29,432			27,987		15
16	Municipalities and Sanitation	34,642	10	9	39,120			35,710		6
17	Jails	28,934	5	9	37,405			25,668	13	9
18	Press	1,927	3	9				4,281	8	6
19	Pensions and Stipends	16,819	4	6	17,456			17,516	2	3
20	Postal Department	12,018	11		5,760			5,484	12	3
21	Vakils	7,600	6	11	7,794			7,523	11	
22	Interest and Discount	1,26,857	5		42,000			31,304	12	10
23	Compensation	41,465	13	9	43,754			40,862	13	
	Carried forward ..	19,14,824	8	3	20,07,625			20,73,583	14	8



APPENDIX XXII—(Concluded)

Serial No	Heads of Expenditure.	Actuals of Samvat 1960 (1903-04 A D)			Estimates for Samvat 1961 (1904-05 A D)			Actuals of Samvat 1961 (1904-05 A D)		
		Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P
	Brought forward	19,14,824	8	3	20,07,625			20,73,583	14	8
24	Political Agency .	44,973	8	7	50,000			45,226	9	10
25	Subscriptions and Donations	3,086	4		2,686			3,292	4	
26	Miscellaneous	98,936	14	3	60,321	.		66,414	11	2
	Marammatkhana and Palana Colliery	29,156	2		37,998			16,008	6	2
	Total "Ordinary"	20,90,977	5	1	21,58,680			22,04,525	13	10
	Extraordinary							—		
	(a) Railway Construction	-1,67,684		5	40,000			-7,735	12	11
	(b) Ghaggar Canals	4,190	14	6	500			2,790	2	
	(c) Tibi Settlement	2,336		3	1,200			1,303	12	9
	(d) Revenue, &c, written off and remitted	2,895	6	6				3,49,507		6
	(e) Somaliland Expedition	8,378	2					30,188	10	
	(f) Subscription towards the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund	25,000			50,000			75,000		
	(g) Fitting out of the Lallgarh Palace	39,357	7		.					
	(h) Palana Irrigation Scheme	44,881	4	1						
	(i) Repayment of Govt Loan	2,00,000			2,00,000			10,00,000		
	(j) H H the Maji Sahiba's pilgrimage expenses				.			13,277	8	6
	(k) Sri Maharaj Kumar Sahib's Kodamdesar Jat							3,718	1	6
	(l) Sri Maharaj Kumar Sahib's Deshnok Mataji's Jat							3,686	8	3
	(m) Pratishtha of Devikund Cenotaphs							8,205	14	3
	(n) Marble bust of the late Queen Victoria							3,569	14	
	(o) Miscellaneous .	41,940	8	9				35,462	12	9
	Total "Extraordinary"	2,01,295	10	8	2,91,700			15,18,974	7	7
	Grand Total	22,92,272	15	9	24,50,880			37,28,500	5	5
	Closing Balance	11,75,322	11	6	18,00,487			7,34,715	13	1
	Great Grand Total	34,67,595	11	8	37,50,817			44,58,216	2	6

Raghuvan Singh,
Secretary
For the Revenue & Financial Department,
Malkma Khas, Bikaner

APPENDIX XXIII

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Bulaner State during the year 1904-05

Dispensary	Number of Patients Treated		Results of In-door Patients			Daily Average of Remaining under treatment			Strategic Operations			Expenditure	Remarks
	Out-door	In-door	Cured	Relieved	Discharged otherwise	Died	Out-door	In door	Major	Minor			
Bhogwan D's Hospital, Bulaner	24,377	996	66	28	20	52	306	95	1419	136	2,309	Rs. 9,396	
Do Churu	10,746	155	111	23	2	14	96	37	773	190	1,230	4,748	
Ratangarh	-	3,578	35	17	5	8	2	3	3284	200	10	229	1,113
Sujungarh	6,218	52	27	3	1	1	16	98	225	9	691	1,378	
Sardarshahar	6,075	108	95	9	2	2	42	96	453	36	471	1,695	
Reasi	2,526	21	20	2		1	41	28	145	1	317	1,113	
Nohar	8,771	79	61	10	3	3	2	61	36	168	17	707	1,437
Haygarh	7,061	55	45	7		1	2	19	45	295	12	595	1,152
Bharatpur	6,746	56	38	9	11	1	7	44	77	123	13	331	1,601
Suratgarh	7,015	25	12	1	7	2		43	01	205	1	396	1,061
Hanumangarh	1,011	16	30	11	1	1	3	25	14	270	10	269	1,128
Mirzwdr	...	2,346	15	11	1	1	23	27	116	1	159	173	
Agency Hospital	6,931						66	59		1	158	1,349	
Pulice Do	9,609						81	47		6	290	951	
Bulaway Dispensary, Hanumangarh	661	2	2				170			55	600		

R. D. Cooper,

Secretary

*For the Medical Jails Department,
Mahma Khas, Bulaner*

APPENDIX XXXIV.

Vital statistics of the Bikaner State for the year 1904-05

NAME	BIRTHS		DEATHS		RATIO PER 1,000 OF POPULATION				REMARKS. 47				
					Births		Deaths						
	Past year	Present year	Decrease	Increase	Past year	Present year	Decrease	Increase					
Bikaner Municipal area	52,775	1,268	1,725	457	1,441	1,414	27	24.03	32.69	27.30	26.79		
Municipal towns in Bikaner State	64,192	1,198	1,058	.	140	672	356	.	316	18.66	16.48	10.47	5.55
Railway lines	.	.	664	9	17	8	7	9	2	13.55	25.60	10.54	13.55

R. D. Cooper,

Secretary

*For the Medical & Jails Department,
Mahalma Khats, Bikaner.*

APPENDIX XXV

Peculiarities as to the Schools maintained by the Bihar State for the year 1904-05

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOLS.	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	NUMBER OF PUPILS ON ROLL ON 31ST MARCH	DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	EXPENDITURE						REMARKS		
				PRESENT YEAR			PAST YEAR					
				PRESENT YEAR		PAST YEAR	PRESENT YEAR		PAST YEAR			
				RS	AS	P	RS	AS	P	RS	AS	P
Durbar High School, including Vernacular Branch	*1	1	254	265	*406.3		211.64	8,750	15.3			
Hindi Book-keeping School	1	21	22				19.82			682	14	.
Banika School	1	231	235				159.61				336	.
Patvar School	1	12	8				11.68			410	9	3
Police Training School	1	60	71	46.66	54.71		5.17			171	12	9
Walter Nobles' School	1	1	140	144	73.5	85.4					864	13
Lady Elgin Girls' School	1	1										
District Schools	14	31	1,302	1,260	1,046.01	995				2,494	0	0
Total	17	38	2,020	2,011	1,572.47	1,548.08	15,760	15.3	3,759	4.0	5,282	13.0

* Includes the last five Schools.

